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**Stuck in the middle**



According to the political pundits, only 6 percent of voters have not yet made up their minds on who to vote for in the presidential election. I'm in that 6 percent.

Moving past both of the national conventions, I find myself going back and forth on my leanings.

I have been a Republican for most of my adult life (at one point, an independent), but not Republican enough for many fellow Republicans. I do not vote straight ticket and have occasionally voted for Democrats. I want Scott Brown to win in Massachusetts. My favorite TV show is *Morning Joe* with former Republican Congressman Joe Scarborough. I like Bill O'Reilly, Fareed Zakaria, Mick Huckabee, Bill Maher, Jon Stewart, and Stephen Colbert. Call me fair and balanced. However, if Condi Rice, Chris Christie, Mike Huckabee, Michael Steele, or Jeb Bush were running for president, I'd be voting Republican. But I'm not sold on Mitt Romney.

I really want to be, but every time I get closer to leaning Romney, something happens to make me feel uneasy. The latest stomach-turner is the selection of Congressman Alan West to lead the reach-out effort to the black community.

Are you kidding me? Alan West is the black Joe McCarthy. He has publicly stated that there are about 80 communists in the U.S. Congress. This congressman is about as divisive as it gets, and this is Romney's pick! I'm sick of the divisiveness.

Does this mean that I'm going to vote for Barack Obama? At this point, I am not convinced he deserves to be reelected. I think the president has done a bad job with the economy and that is, by far, the biggest issue for me. But please, Mitt, give me something to feel good about. Do I think Mitt Romney knows more about finance and money than Barack? Yes, and to me that's a big deal. So, why can't Mitt Romney close the deal with me?

Who would I prefer to hang out with? Barack.

Who do I think is a more genuine person? Barack.

Who do I think would be better on world affairs? Barack.

Who do I think would do a better job on education? Hmmm

This is another big issue for me and I don't know how to answer this one. I think that the administration has tried hard but I'm not crazy about the direction of their efforts. If I were convinced who would do a better job on education that could sway my vote.

(P.S. My wife typed this under protest. She strongly supports President Obama.)

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ON THE COVER

## THE OCCASIONAL FARMER

You don't have to own a farm to enjoy corn mazes, apple-picking (and -eating), animal care, hay rides and the harvest of local crops. This week we look at where to go to get a little rural fun.

INSIDE: Get ready for Glendi, the annual Greek festival in Manchester (p. 46). Or maybe live music is more your speed. Find that this and every week in the Music This Week (p. 71).

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## NH leaves Left Behind?

New Hampshire is looking for a waiver from provisions of the federal No Child Left Behind Act, Gov. John Lynch announced. The move, which has support from teachers at all levels, as well as state officials, would give the state freedom from some provisions of the law, which was a marquee piece of legislation in President George W. Bush's administration. Certain proficiency requirements under the act have resulted in nearly every district in the state being labeled as failing, which has hindered efforts to support schools, particularly those with the greatest needs, according to a press release from Lynch's office. If the Department of Education grants the waiver, New Hampshire could implement its own accountability system.

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan has voiced support for New Hampshire's applying for a waiver, according to news reports. Citing reforms and innovations, Duncan has suggested that other states apply for waivers from certain No Child Left Behind provisions, according to a state press release. "The waiver process reflects a community effort of all stakeholders coming together to focus on what would be best for the most natural resource we have in our state — our children," said state Department of Education Commissioner Virginia Barry in a statement.

## In other news...

• **Mass. company moves to NH:** A Massachusetts company has made New Hampshire home. BurstPoint Networks, formerly of Westborough, Mass., recently moved to 11 Continental Blvd. in Merrimack. The company, which supplies video communications to businesses around the world, made the move, in part, to accommodate its growth as it continues to expand global sales. "We are rapidly expanding our highly skilled engineering staff and the pool of engineering talent that lives in New Hampshire is very attractive as we double our New Hampshire workforce over the next 12 months," said Patrick Clark, president and CEO of BurstPoint. "This, combined with the quality of life and busi-

ness benefits of being in New Hampshire, was an easy decision for us." BurstPoint Networks has just under 20 employees and "we expect to increase our New Hampshire employment base significantly next year," Clark said.

• **Stock up on batteries; it's National Preparedness Month:** Officials are reminding residents, given that September is National Preparedness Month, to make sure people are ready in case of natural disaster. "I cannot stress enough the importance of preparing for an emergency," said Dr. José Montero, director of Public Health at DHHS, in a press release "Every year in New Hampshire we see unusual weather and other emergencies. Plus personal tragedies unfortunately happen as well, such as fires. Preparing in advance is extremely important in order to reduce the impact that these emergencies have on you and your family." Montero said people should prepare for emergencies that might cause them to be without electricity, water, or other services for multiple days. He also said people should be prepared to leave their homes quickly, and to connect with friends and family when communications systems are down.

• **YouthBuild grant goes to NH:** U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis recently announced Southern New Hampshire Services would receive a \$768,000 YouthBuild grant. "YouthBuild offers young people the opportunity to earn academic and industry-recognized credentials, practice the skills they'll need to succeed at work, and experience what it means to contribute to their own success and that of their communities," Solis said. Southern New Hampshire Services was one of 74 programs in 28 states to receive YouthBuild grants, which totaled \$75 million nationally, according to a press release from Solis's office. The grants are designed to help nearly 5,000 people obtain certifications and skills to help them achieve economic self-sufficiency. The Labor Department funds 127 YouthBuild programs nationally. Visit [www.dol.gov](http://www.dol.gov).

• **Olympic champ will run with the rest of us:** Hannaford Supermarkets announced a partnership with Olympic champion runner Joan Benoit Samuelson to



Education officials, including Virginia Barry, commissioner of the state Department of Education, pictured here, are seeking a waiver from some of the provisions of the federal No Child Left Behind Act. Courtesy photo.

inspire self-described "back of the pack" athletes in the Granite State, according to a Hannaford press release. Residents of New Hampshire are invited to submit stories about their journeys toward health and wellness for a chance to receive personal guidance from Samuelson, who won the gold medal in the first women's marathon at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles. As many as 50 people will have the chance to run with Samuelson, while three residents with particularly inspirational stories will have the pursuit of their fitness goals chronicled online through the There is No Finish Line web video series. Visit [www.hannaford.com/joan](http://www.hannaford.com/joan). Winners will be announced at the Manchester premiere of *There is No Finish Line*, a Nike documentary about Samuelson's life and career. The screening and announcement will take place at the Palace Theatre in Manchester on Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m. Samuelson will attend the announcement ceremony and the screening.

## BEST WEEK

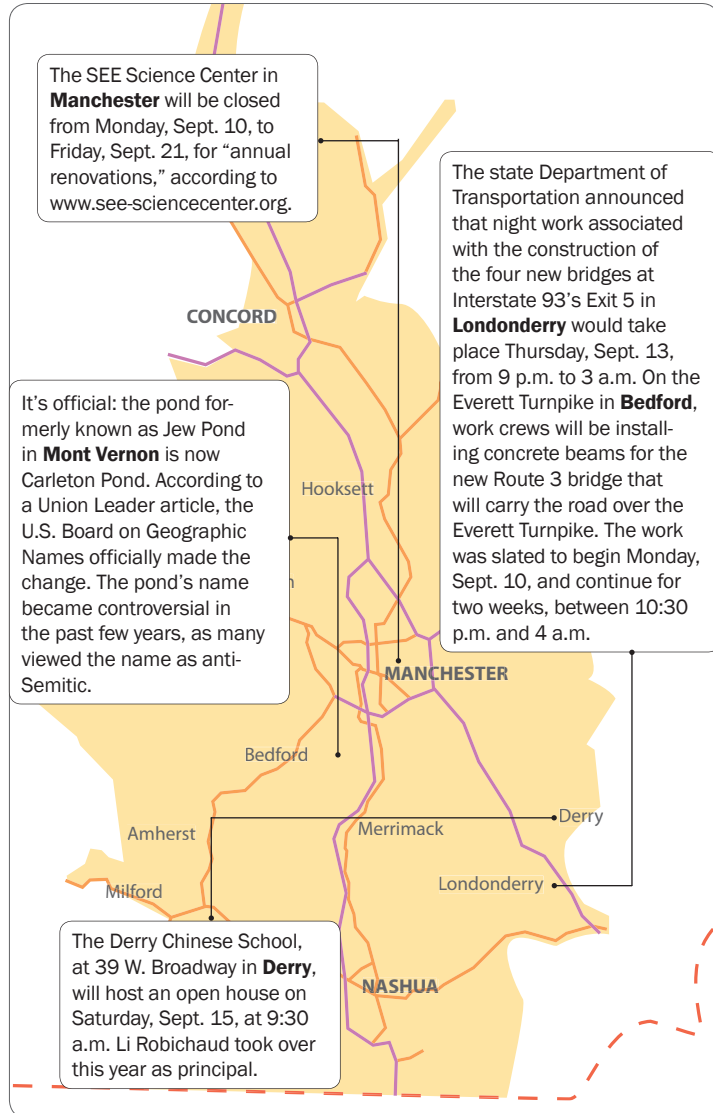
### HOUSE SPEAKER WILLIAM O'BRIEN

O'Brien and Republicans finally got their — official — way on the state's new voter identification law, as the U.S. Department of Justice gave preliminary approval to the law last week. The law requires people to show photo identification before voting, or sign an affidavit. The issue has been controversial for the past two years. Last year, legislation was stopped by a Gov. John Lynch veto. This year, the governor's veto couldn't stop it. The law will be in effect for the November election.

## WORST WEEK

### MANCHESTER SCHOOLS

Overcrowding has been a major issue for Manchester schools right off the bat this school year. Superintendent of Schools Thomas Brennan has said he will address the problem, according to a Union Leader report. But he'll have to contend with more than just Manchester parents. School officials in Candia and Hooksett are not pleased with the overcrowding, to the point where Hooksett officials are exploring the possibility of ending the town's agreement to send students to Manchester schools, according to Union Leader coverage.



• **Nominate a building worth saving:** The New Hampshire Preservation Alliance is seeking nominations for its annual Seven to Save list. Historic structures are eligible if they are more than 50 years old and are significant representations of the state's heritage. "In communities across the state, valuable parts of our past stand vacant, neglected, or are threatened with demolition," said Jennifer Goodman, executive director of the Alliance, in a statement. For at-risk buildings, the Seven to Save

list offers visibility and assistance in fundraising that can contribute to a successful save, re-use or rehabilitation, according to an Alliance press release. A property's historical or architectural significance, the severity of the current threat, and the extent to which the listing could make a difference in saving the resource, are taken into account when evaluating nominations. Anyone can submit a nomination. Visit [www.nhpreservation.org](http://www.nhpreservation.org). Call 224-2281. The submission deadline is Sept. 14.





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GED-Language	N/A	M.Thériault	N/A	Tuesday	Oct. 9-Dec. 18	6-8pm	\$30
PhotoShop CS6	Elective	R. Caradonna	1/2	Tuesday	Oct. 9-Dec. 18	6-8pm	\$100
Continuing Tai-Chi	Elective	M.Roth	1/2	Tuesday	Oct. 9-Dec. 18	4:45-6pm	\$100
Beginning Tai-Chi	Elective	M. Roth	1/2	Tuesday	Oct. 9-Dec. 18	6-7:15pm	\$100
English	Academic	P.Galamaga	1/2	Thursday	Oct. 11-Dec. 20	3-5pm	\$100
GED-Math	N/A	B.Carey	N/A	Thursday	Oct. 11-Dec. 20	6-8pm	\$30
Earth Science	Academic	K.Greeb	1/2	Thursday	Oct. 11-Dec. 20	6-8pm	\$100
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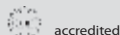
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## NEWS & NOTES POLITICS

# Voter ID law affirmed

## US Dept. of Justice upholds new NH rule

By Jeff Mucciarone  
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Score this one as a victory for the Speaker of the House. The U.S. Department of Justice signed off on the state's new voter identification law last week.

Speaker William O'Brien, R-Mont Vernon, has championed voter identification legislation during the past two years, and he hasn't been alone on the Republican side.

"When I came to New Hampshire almost 30 years ago I was surprised, as I think many others were, that we didn't have to identify ourselves when we exercise the most important civic duty that we have," O'Brien said. "Voting is a duty that is of greater importance than taking a plane, train, or going into a commercial or federal building, which all require ID. I am pleased we have been able to take this step toward supporting electoral integrity this term."

O'Brien also noted, apparently trying to tweak Democrats, that identification was required to attend the Democratic National Convention. The law will take effect in time for the election this November, although it was not in effect for the state primary election earlier this week.

Under the new law, people who do not have photo identification can still vote in elections, but they'll need to sign an affidavit.

The issue became divisive last year, as the GOP argued that people need to present photo identification for day-to-day things like cashing checks or buying beer, so why shouldn't people have to present an ID when they show up to vote at the polls?

But Democrats and some Republicans pushed back, arguing that it discriminat-



ed against the roughly 50,000 people in the state who do not have IDs. They also argued that Republicans were trying to solve a non-existent problem: voter fraud in New Hampshire.

The issue picked up more steam last fall when a team of documentary filmmakers was able to obtain ballots at a variety of polling locations by using the names of people who had recently died but whose names hadn't been removed from voter lists.

The GOP won out in passing voter identification legislation this year, but the big win came last week when the U.S. DOJ approved the law, essentially putting it to bed. The law clarifies that to vote in New Hampshire, an individual must be a resident. The law, which passed over Gov. John Lynch's veto, requires the secretary of state and attorney general to follow up on any individual who registers to vote without providing his or her identity.

## The other side

While GOP leadership is pleased, the New Hampshire Civil Liberties Union and the League of Women Voters aren't so happy. The two groups released a joint statement in response to the DOJ decision:

"The law is unnecessary. This photo I.D. law does nothing to improve election procedures in New Hampshire. Instead, it may discourage eligible voters from trying to cast a ballot in the primary election on Tuesday or the presidential election in November under the mistaken belief that

they cannot vote if they do not have a government-issued photo ID. Every citizen, 18 years old or older, has the fundamental Constitutional right to vote where they live, whether they possess a photo ID or not."

The two organizations said the secretary of state has made no affirmative, statewide educational efforts to make sure the public has correct information.

## The center of the universe

Much as it has been for big chunks of the last year and a half, New Hampshire was the center of the political universe Friday, Sept. 7.

Fresh off the Democratic National Convention, President Barack Obama, accompanied by first lady Michelle Obama, Vice President Joe Biden and Dr. Jill Biden, visited Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth. Obama's challenger, Mitt Romney, made it a point to visit New Hampshire the same day, appearing at Holman Stadium in Nashua.

It's become abundantly clear this year that New Hampshire is very much in play and that Obama's and Romney's campaigns believe the Granite State's four electoral votes could be very important come November.

The two campaigns were likely trying to tap energy coming off their respective conventions, and also the fact that people are more likely to be tuned in to politics now that Labor Day has passed. Political analysts say people frequently don't begin to pay much attention to politics until after the end-of-summer holiday. It will be interesting to see whether polling numbers change for either presidential candidate in the next couple weeks. Stay tuned.

## NEWS

# Road work ahead

## Highway paving and upgrades continue

By Jeff Mucciarone  
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It can stir up some questions from time to time, but when it comes to road paving, the state Department of Transportation has a system.

"There is a method to how we address each stretch of road," said DOT spokesman Bill Boynton.

Sometimes people want to know why the state is paving one roadway that appears to be in fair condition instead of re-paving a road that is obviously in much worse condition.

"That road has already failed," Boynton

said. "If you approach the worst roads first, you'll never catch up. You'll lose the entire system."

For that reason, it's better to keep the high-functioning roads in good condition, rather than try to tackle everything that might be slipping through the cracks. It costs \$25,000 to \$50,000 to maintain one mile of road, but it costs about \$1 million to reconstruct a mile of road, Boynton said.

Road paving on major corridors will continue until late October and potentially early November.

"We try to keep the highest-volume roads in as good a shape as we can," Boynton said.

The state is looking to pave 401 miles this year, which is a little down from the ideal, which would be 460 miles per year. DOT maintains 4,600 miles of highway and the goal is to repave roads every 10 years. Last year, DOT re-paved 311 miles; the year before that, it was 496. The big year was 2009, when stimulus money helped work crews pave 706 miles, Boynton said.

"We essentially got an extra year in of paving work," Boynton said.

To compensate for traffic volumes, much of the paving south of Concord takes place at night. Work crews were doing quite a bit of paving on Interstate 95 this year, along with several stretches of Interstate 93.



Some of the work on Interstate 93 is associated with bridge projects.

Paving is just one piece of the road work puzzle. The big, constant project is the widening of Interstate 93 from the Massachusetts border to Manchester. That project, which carries a price tag of \$800 million, is still \$250 million underfunded. It carries a completion date of 2020, assuming a funding source is identified. The plan is to finish the Interstate 93 widening up to Exit 3 by 2016, Boynton said.

Motorists have noticed work from the Massachusetts border to Windham, as well as plenty of work at the Exit 5 interchange in Londonderry. The widening project has so far resulted in replacement or rehabilitation of 19 formerly red-listed bridges.

Federal funds are stable for the time being for DOT, though officials had some anxious moments when it seemed the department was due for a hefty reduction of \$40 million or \$50 million in federal funds this year. The state received between \$140 million and \$150 million in federal funding this year.

"It didn't solve all our problems, but it avoided what could have been a major hit," Boynton said.

### Open-road tolling

With plenty of success with open road tolling at the Hampton tolls on Interstate 95, officials are hoping for more of the same at the Hooksett tolls on Interstate 93. Motorists recently experienced a traffic shift there as work crews opened two new lanes to allow for the closure of the two middle lanes at the plaza.

The nearly \$23 million project involves adding two lanes to each side of the highway, creating four high-speed lanes, Boynton said.

"The Hampton tolls have been highly successful from our perspective," Boynton said.

Officials hope the Hooksett facility, which sees about 25 million vehicles each year, will experience similar success. On a summer weekend, Hooksett tolls see 80,000 vehicles per day. Open road tolling would reduce travel times on the weekend by 14 percent while rendering an annual fuel reduction of 465 gallons, according to a DOT press release.

The Hampton tolls still sometimes back up, but Boynton said that's more of a road capacity issue than a toll plaza issue.



Road crews have continued work this year on the widening of Interstate 93. Pictured here is work at Exit 3 in Windham. Photo courtesy of DOT.

"It's worked very well there," Boynton said. "Almost from the day it opened, it's done exactly what we hoped it would do."

The open road tolling will separate — with concrete barriers — the cash toll plaza and open-road tollers. The two corridors are long enough so that when motorists in the open-road tolling lanes merge with motorists coming from the cash lanes, they'll both be at highway speeds, Boynton said.

With some additional bridge work, the Hooksett tolls should work the same way as the Hampton tolls. The project is slated for completion on Fourth of July weekend in 2013. Work began this past April.

### Projects in the works

- Drivers on the **Everett Turnpike** have noticed bridge work and ledge cutting as they approach Manchester from the south. They may also have experienced delays, lane shifts and lane closures from time to time this summer. That work is slated to finish up this month.

- Drivers on Interstate 93 farther north are seeing work happening at **Exit 10 in Hooksett**, which involves deck replacement and bridge rehabilitation over the Merrimack River.

- The replacement of the **Memorial Bridge** in Portsmouth and Kittery, Maine, is on schedule to be completed in July. The \$80 million project is a joint effort between New Hampshire and Maine.

- Workers are also building a new **Little Bay Bridge** in Newington and Dover on the Spaulding Turnpike. Work crews are building a new bridge next to the existing bridge and they'll rehabilitate the existing bridge so that, ultimately, there will be four lanes in each direction.

- DOT still needs to secure funding for the **Sarah Long Bridge** in Portsmouth and Kittery for the Route 1 Bypass. Maine is taking the lead on that project but funding is an issue, Boynton said.

- Work crews have done considerable work on the **Spaulding Turnpike** between Exits 12 and 16. That \$140 million project is centered on widening the roadway to four lanes each way.

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## NEWS & NOTES Q&A

# Caution: Hawks crossing

Migration routes are right over our heads

**Raptors are migrating through New Hampshire on their way south. Phil Brown, of New Hampshire Audubon, is helping coordinate the Society's annual hawk watch surveys.**

**Q:** *Have things started to happen yet?*

Yes. Things get started in August, typically. We don't officially begin counting until Sept. 1. We did have a counter go a week early in Peterborough, so they documented a pretty decent push of migrants the week before.

**What species are heading south?**

Pretty much all of them .... American kestrels, [which are] our smallest falcon, [and] sharp-shinned hawks, they've begun their migration. Osprey are moving in pretty good numbers. The other day we counted 11 at Pack Monadnock.... We have bald eagles beginning to make the push. ... Just recently, we've seen broad-winged hawks building in numbers. They typically build to such a big number and then they seem to pass in a few days, with the bulk of them passing through in mid to late September every year. That's what accounts for the majority of the numbers at the end of the season.

**...Where are they heading?**

In general, they're going places they can access food. It's not necessarily the weather, since it's beautiful at this time of year. Bald eagles and peregrine falcons, often they're not going that far. Even though they are perhaps capable of traveling long distances, they don't have to go very far. For bald eagles, it might just mean heading to a large reservoir or an open river that doesn't freeze typically, maybe in southern New England. Then, the other extreme, broad-winged hawks ... the entire population is pretty much going to Brazil and South America.

**Why are they flying right over us?**

Geography. ... Pack Monadnock is ... near the end of a 25-mile ridge. The ridges are predominantly ways New England raptors are moving through the Northeast and the Appalachian mountains. The ridgelines account for the best winds. Updrafts are carrying them up the slope and they can catch these thermals that take them higher in the sky. It allows them to cruise south, essentially having an easier time migrating rather than having to flap the whole way. Some species use river valley corridors.

**Do these birds live in New Hampshire or are they from farther north?**

It is a mix. Most of the species can breed in New Hampshire.... There are some



Phil Brown. Photo by Jim Block.

birds that travel through that are not breeding here. The golden eagle is sort of the coveted bird at a hawk watch. They only pass

through in small numbers in the fall. The majority are broad-winged hawks. A lot of species are coming from Canada and north of us. Local birds are migrating too. Figuring out which ones we're seeing, that's a little harder to tell. We do have some ospreys with satellite transmitters that started in the Squam Lake region. ... They're going to be giving us data as they're passing over.

**The birds that are migrating, how well can people see them?**

It all depends on the weather. Usually, you can see them with binoculars. ... On the rare occasions when they're catching thermals that are bringing them thousands of feet into the sky ... they can be hard to see with a ... scope. Some birds are close and can be easily seen with the naked eye. ... We have owl decoys, and hawks will come in to swoop at the owls. They're about 15 to 20 feet away. Photographers make it a point to come for the birds at close range. Especially merlins. They seem to be the most aggressive ... merlins and sharp-shinned hawks.

**Why are the decoys there?**

To provide visitors with good looks. It kind of mildly irritates the birds as they're passing through, so they'll swoop in, and it's thrilling for us. Kids get a kick out of it.

**What is the best time to check it out?**

There are highlights at any point during the season. ... Early October, Columbus Day weekend, usually [have] good numbers. Red-tailed hawks, usually they're more noticeable in late October.

—Jeff Mucciarone

## Raptor watch

The Audubon hawk watch sites are part of the Hawk Migration Association of North America ([www.hawkcount.org](http://www.hawkcount.org)). NH Audubon raptor release days, when rehabilitated hawks are released, will be Saturday, Sept. 15, at 1 p.m. at Pack Monadnock and Sunday, Sept. 16, at 1 p.m. at Carter Hill. See [www.nh.audubon.org](http://www.nh.audubon.org).

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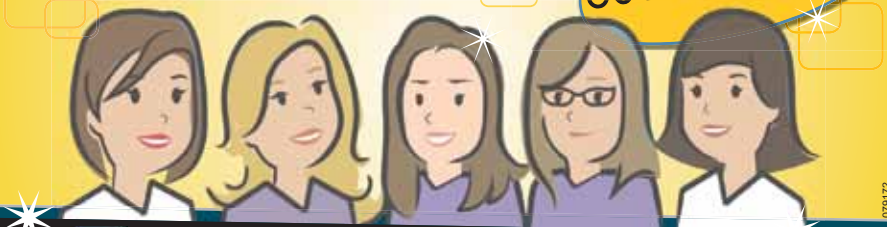
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## NEWS & NOTES

# QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX

### Cyanobacteria at Long Pond

The state Department of Environmental Services issued a precautionary warning last week that greenish-blue masses have been observed at Long Pond in Pelham, which extends into Tyngsborough, Mass., and Dracut, Mass. as well. Officials have identified more than 50 percent of the blooms as cyanobacteria, which can pose a safety risk, according to a state press release. The blooms have been spotted on the northern end of the lake but the blooms are variable. Officials asked people to monitor their individual shorelines. People should avoid contact with the water in areas with a surface scum or blue-green clouds. Pets should be kept out of those areas as well, the release said. Cyanobacteria are natural components of water bodies but blooms can produce toxins that are released when cells die, the release said.

**QOL score: -2**

**Comment:** *Toxins can cause both acute and chronic health effects, including skin irritation, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and liver and central nervous system damage.*

### Motorcycle deaths

As of Tuesday, Sept. 4, 24 motorcyclists have died on New Hampshire roads this year, according to the New Hampshire Highway Safety agency, which is 10 more than in all of 2011. Experts suggested it may be due to inexperience, riders' not wearing helmets, or the weather — sunnier days mean more motorcycle activity — according to a Union Leader story.

**QOL score: -2**

**Comment:** *The largest number of fatalities was in 2005, with 42 motorcycle deaths in the state.*

### Swimming champ

Exeter's Victoria Arlen earned four medals in Paralympic Games swimming events — gold in the 100-meter freestyle, and silver in the 50-meter freestyle S6, the 400-meter freestyle S6 and the 4x100-meter freestyle relay — setting American records in both of her individual events. (S6 measures the severity of impairment in one's ability to perform strokes, from 1 to 10.) Arlen grew up as an active kid who loved to dance, swim and play field hockey, but she developed transverse myelitis when she was 11, according to a story in the Union Leader, and she didn't start swimming again until last year, when her brother "put a life jacket on her and threw her into the family pool," according to the article.

**QOL score: +1**

**Comment:** *Arlen was named to the U.S. sled hockey team in 2011 before she took to swimming again.*

### New Americans on top of Mount Washington

For the first time, officials held a naturalization ceremony at the top of the Northeast's tallest mountain, Mount Washington. Twenty people from 14 countries became citizens last week at the top of the 6,288-foot peak, according to a WMUR article. The ceremony took place on top of the Sherman Adams Summit Building, the article said.

**QOL score: +2**

**Comment:** *Welcome to America, officially.*

**QOL Score: 74**

**Net change: -1**

**QOL this week: 73**

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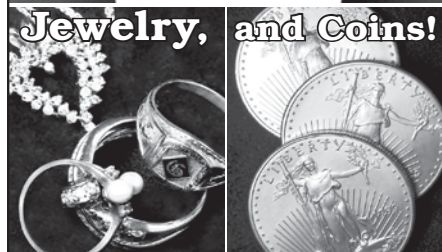


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## Stories to follow as the 2012 NFL season unfolds



The annual quest to reach the Super Bowl began for all NFL teams last season with all sorts of interesting stories to follow. Here are some of the ones that are most interesting to me.

**The Saints:** Are they gonna fall apart? Or will they overcome a scandal that has taken away their coach for the entire season and players on defense for parts or all of the season? After they got toasted for 40 vs. RGIII on Sunday, the first sign points to the latter.

**Coaches on the Hot Seat:** Will this finally be it for **Norv Turner** in San Diego? Others on the hot seat are **Lovie Smith** in Chicago, **Jason Garrett** in Dallas, **Ken Wisenhut** in Arizona and incredibly **Andy Reid** in Philly. It's also not out of the realm of possibility **Rex** could find himself in trouble if the circus he directs takes a **Bobby V**-like what-could-go-wrong-did-go-wrong turn and their season is a disaster.

**Dark Horse Team:** They didn't look it on Sunday, but I'll go with KC in the AFC, where Romeo Crenell gets a second change at being a head man, with a pounding running game and a defense that shouldn't be too bad. In the NFC (and I originally wrote this on Friday, Sept. 7), the Redskins, because I like their defense and RGIII gives them a big shot on offense from the Rex Grossman era.

**The Jets' Two-Headed QB Monster:** No one thinks it's gonna work except **Rex**, **Bill Parcells** and me. But like with my new thing on politics, I'm not going to argue the point, because most in the anti-**Tim Tebow** side are too invested to do anything but pray for failure, so they're not going to listen. So we'll have to just wait and see what happens.

**Who'd You Rather Have, Gronk or Megatron:** I know, it's like saying what do you want, a Rolls or a Bentley. A year

ago Gronk had 90 catches for 1,327 yards and 18 touchdowns overall. For **Calvin Johnson** it was 96 catches and an NFL-best 1,681 yards to go along with 16 TDs in leading the Lions back from 50 years of mostly obscurity. If it comes down to a tie-breaker, it goes to Gronk for the best off-season anyone's had since **Joe Namath** took Broadway by storm way back when.

**Peyton in Denver:** After missing an entire season and having four neck surgeries, how close to his peak will Manning be at 36? And the question we'll all ask if he has just an OK game early on is was it the injury, getting the rust off or age creeping in? Though by putting the same 31 points on the Steelers, **Tim Tebow** did against them in the playoffs with 129 QB rating the first review was pretty good. As for Super Bowl talk in Denver, after the Patriots put 45 on them twice last year, I think their D still has to show me something.

**Will Manning Be Sorry He Passed on SF:** Remember I said a few years back Coach B should entertain **Herschel Walker**-type offers for **Tom Brady** after **Matt Cassel** filled in so ably in 2009? The team I made my hypothetical offer to was the 49ers, with the price being three firsts, three seconds and **Patrick Willis**, which could have given the Patriots football's best defense. Instead, as they showed vs. **Aaron Rogers**, the Niners have that and are a year removed from giving the Giants the luckiest entry into the big game in Super Bowl history, which to their credit they did something with. Manning could have gone there instead — which from a playing standpoint I'll wager was a mistake. And to those snickering about the Brady deal: Remember — they haven't won squat since the defense got old.

**The Generation:** In **Cam Newton**, **Andrew Luck**, RGIII, **Matthew Stafford** and others we're watching the next generation of "greatest ever" QBs start their

trek to join **Aaron Rogers** at the top as **Tom Brady**, Manning and **Drew Brees** get another year closer to their Hall of Fame inductions.

**Buy into the Dallas Hype Again:** An opening-day win will only make it worse for the Notre Dame of pro football, a team with annual over-the-top expectations that usually crumble by Thanksgiving. Though give them credit — the choke last year didn't come until the final week, which gave the Giants the luckiest entry into the playoffs for an eventual Super Bowl winner in history — which to their credit they did something with.

**Josh McDaniel:** People around here tend to let their imaginations run away with them to make wild claims immediately after something happens, like saying the 2011 Sox could win 120 after getting **Adrian Gonzalez** and **Carl Crawford** or calling **Theo** a "genius" after 2004. The latest is the "enlightened offensive mind" of **Josh McDaniel** in his return to the Patriots offense. After flunking out in Denver so badly that they threw him out in the way many hope the **Bobby V** departure is handled, and the regression of **Sam Bradford** under his tutelage last year in St. Louis, he's got something to prove to me as I think his rep got a big boost by being in the right place at the right time as **Randy Moss** and **Wes Welker** came walking through that door and not the other way around.

**G-Men Get No Respect:** ESPN's Power Rankings have GB and NE at 1 and 2, with the NYGs third after they beat both on their way to taking advantage of all the luck they got before getting to the big game. Shouldn't they have been No. 1 to at least start the year?

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## Sports Glossary

**Lions in Obscurity:** The NFL team from Detroit that last won a league title in 1957 behind back-up **Tobin (murder she) Rote** filling in for the injured **Bobby (passing) Layne**. It led them to trade the legendary QB, as teams often do when they think they've got a younger guy who's better. A few years later Rote is pitching in the AFL for San Diego, Layne is in Pittsburgh, the losing QB in the '57 title game, **Milt Plum**, is the quarterback in Detroit and the curse Layne put on Detroit for trading him — "they won't win for 50 years" — is on its way to total fruition. They had brief periods of OK-ness in the early '60s, early '70s with Nashua's **Greg Landry** at QB and when the great **Barry Sanders** was helping the **Wayne Fontes**-led Lions to the playoffs in the '90s, but beyond that it's mostly been YIKES until now.

**Wayne Fontes:** Much maligned coach of the Lions often mocked for being dimwitted in his tenure between 1988 and 1996. He's the one laughing now as despite being a game under .500 at 66 and 67 overall the Lions won two conference titles and were in the playoffs four times under Fontz while the seven different coaches who came after him have won bubbka in the ensuing 16 years.

**Greg Landry:** Local product who went all the way to the NFL after being part of the legendary Landry-to-**Milt Morin** passing combo at UMass. Became the fulltime starter in Detroit after the "Earth to Joe (Schmitt)" chants finally sunk in with the headman to yank **Bill Munson** sometime in 1970. They then ripped off 5 in a row to close the season and grab a playoff spot against the Cowboys were they lost 5-0 on a 5-RBI day by Dallas QB **Craig Morton**. After early success the Lions' fortunes sunk and he wound up 44-51-3 as a starter over 14 years, with the signature play an incredible 76-yard run off a quarterback sneak in the 1970 season opener with Green Bay that made **Howard Cosell's** halftime highlights in the first-ever Monday Night Football broadcast.

SPORTS DAVE LONG'S PEOPLE, PLACES & OTHER STUFF

# High school sports in full fall flight

**All Vowel Name Team Scoring Connection:** It goes to Central's **Keegan LaBerge** and **Sam Binogono**, who had 11 vowels between them when they hooked up on the opening score in the Green's 3-1 win over Concord in NHIAA soccer action on Wednesday. LaBerge had the score and Binogono the assist to go along with his score that iced it at 3-1.

**Sports 101:** How many home run titles did all-time all-timer **Ty Cobb** win?

**Honors:** After his 12-catch, 102-yard day in the U's 38-17 wipeout of Holy Cross, UNH sophomore wideout **R.J. Harris** was last week's recipient of the Gold Helmet Award, given by the Gridiron Club of Boston to the week's top performer. He also added a career-high 57 rushing yards and a TD as Harris had the fifth career 100-yard receiving day.

**The Double Mint Award:** Goes to **Vailancourt** twins **Colbi** and **Berkley**, who each two goals in leading Derryfield School to a 7-0 win over Pembroke in NHIAA field hockey action.

**The Numbers:** An ESPN.com poll last week of 29,000-plus voters found 24 percent of those voting thought the Dodgers got the

best of their nine-player deal with the Red Sox that sent **Adrian Gonzalez**, **Josh Beckett**, **Carl Crawford** and **Nick Punto** west for cap flexibility and mostly youngsters, while 27 percent said the Red Sox got the best end of it, 80 percent said it was a win-win and 11 percent said it was too early to tell.

**Early Deadline Blues:** Last week's early Labor Day-induced deadline caused us to miss the final of the city golf championship, which went to **Tara Watt** of Derryfield by two shots over **Louise Billy** and 19-year-old **Austin Fox** of Intervale, who shot a blistering final day 68 to beat DCC's **David Sherborne** by one shot. Congrats to them.

**Sports 101 Answer:** **Ty Cobb** won just one home run crown when all nine of his homers were inside-the-park homers with the final one coming on this day in 1909.

**On This Date – Sept. 13: 1934 Judge Landis** sells World Series broadcast rights to Ford for \$100,000. **1936 Bob Feller** strikes out then-record 17 Philadelphia A's. **1965 Willie Mays** hits 500th homer. **1971 Frank Robinson** hits his 500th homer. **1982 – Concord's Joe Lefevre** gets 6 hits for the Padres in a 16 inning win over L.A.

## The Numbers

**0** – the now downgraded percentage given by me from the 50-50 chance I gave **Bobby Valentine** of returning to manage the Red Sox in a column two weeks ago.

**1** – goals scored in the battle of neighbors when **Sami Phillips'** one-timer at the 39:10 stood up in leading Bedford to a 1-0 win over Merrimack in NHIAA soccer action.

**2** – number of touchdowns Trinity scored on its

first two plays from scrimmage in a 61-24 pounding of John Stark when **Carmen Giampetruzzi** threw two TD passes and seven different people scored a TD.

**6** – goals from **Chloe Warner** in leading the Derryfield girls to decisive 6-1 and 6-0 wins last week over Portsmouth Christian and Farmington respectively to move to 3-0 on the year.

**7** – saves by Memorial goalie **Gary Archambault** in pitching his first shutout

of the year when the Crusaders got their first victory in a 1-0 win over Salem.

**182** – rushing yards by **Dennis Bishop** on his way to scoring four touchdowns in leading Londonderry to a 38-7 win over next-door neighbor Alvirne.

**4,323** – combined lifetime hits of Hall of Famer **Wade Boggs** and two-time AL home run champ **Cecil Fielder** when they come to the annual Baseball Dinner in the Queen City in November.

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southern New Hampshire served some sort of agricultural purpose.

This week, we look at how you can have some fun at the farm. Rick Ganley, host of *Morning Edition* on NHPR, talks about his experience as a volunteer farmer at the Educational Farm at Joppa Hill in Bedford. Kelly Sennott gets you ready to go pick some apples. Luke Steere considers that autumnal adventure, the corn maze. Cory Francer helps you find a CSA for the end of the harvest season. And Jeff Muciarone visits Charmingfare Farm.

Pull out your overalls and your waterproof boots — it's time to have some fun on the farm.



# Look for the big pig

## On being a part-time farmer at Joppa Hill

By Rick Ganley

Many kids spent their summer vacation attending camp. Maybe it was the typical cabin-in-the-woods experience, with swimming and archery lessons. Surely you or someone you know was shuttling their young aspiring athlete to and from sports camps of one sort or another. Budding engineers may have headed for science programs.

There are kids, however, who spent a week or two learning to milk a goat, how to brush a horse, and the finer points of feeding a 700-pound pig. They did that and other activities at the Educational Farm at Joppa Hill in Bedford.

My family discovered Joppa Hill when our daughter Kate said she wanted to go to a farm camp. After she attended a week of the program last summer, we became volunteers. Now, every other Sunday, Kate and I get up early and set out for the farm to “feed and turn out” the animals. Horses, a donkey, rabbits, sheep, goats, turkeys, ducks, chickens, even a pair of skittish alpacas all call Joppa Hill home these days, but Executive Director Annette Handy says it’s the farm’s big pig “China” that commands everyone’s attention.

“Everybody’s drawn to her, but being 700 pounds, I’m always making sure they’re cautious when they get close to her,” Handy said.

China and her much smaller companion Percy share pen space in the rambling old barn connected to some no-longer used silos.

It’s a little different than it was decades ago. The barn was full of dairy cows back then. You can still see remnants of old milking operations in there. After that shut down, the land sat idle for a while until a developer eyed it for house lots, but eventually the town of Bedford came to own the 35 acres that is now known as the Educational Farm at Joppa Hill. It’s part of a wider tract, some 314 acres that are now conservation land



Sheep at Joppa Hill. Rick Ganley photo.

straddling the border of Bedford and Amherst.

Handy says the mission of Joppa Hill is “to create awareness of sustainability — trying to get people to learn about different animals, especially the children. A lot of the children that come through here don’t know an egg comes from a chicken. They’ll look at the goats and say, ‘Do they give eggs too?’”

The Education Farm is a non-profit organization, and the town of Bedford leases the land to the farm for nothing, though Handy points out “we don’t get any taxpayer money to support the farm either.”

Because the barn structure is in need of major repairs, it’s been closed this summer to campers and visitors. The day camp has been held out in an adjacent field under a large rented tent. Camp councilor Abby Langdon said the curriculum is all centered around learning about animals and how they are used on farms and agriculture.

“We also accept anyone with any special needs; if it is too severe for us to handle, we do allow guardians to come and stay with the children and do as much as they can. We have had kids with autism, developmentally delayed, we welcome



China gives you the eye. Rick Ganley photo.

everyone, and usually by the end of the week everyone loves it,” Langdon said.

“There are kids who basically had their parents sign them up, and they said they didn’t want to come to camp, and at the end of the week they’re begging to come back,” said Camp Medical Technician Kiley Morris.

The animals are the big draw of course, but children also play games, build bird houses, and take guided hikes along the Farm’s extensive trails and hilly pastures. Langdon and Morris say often kids take away something else from the camp: the ability to act as a team.

“A lot of them learn to work with other kids. It doesn’t have

to do with animals. They learn to cooperate and communicate,” Morris said.

Annette Handy said the Educational Farm’s camps have seen an increase in enrollment this past season after a decline in recent years following the recession. Even so, an increase in the cost of feeding and caring for the many animals, as well as the fact that the decades-old barn is in need of extensive repairs presents a big hurdle to the Farm’s future.

“We are looking to raise money to repair or rebuild the barn. We’re still looking to see what really needs to be done. We would also like to have an educational building, aside from



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China, in all her glory. Rick Ganley photo.

our barn where we can put on our summer camps, more winter camps, and birthday parties, and hopefully weddings down the road too," Handy said.

Before any of that can happen, of course, there's the issue of money — and winter. Michael Scanlon is president and chairman of the board of directors of the Educational Farm. He said they'd rather repair the existing building, so the animals can stay in place. Otherwise, many would have to be sheltered in outdoor structures for the season, and some, like the horses, would probably need to be boarded off the farm. Either way, as soon as the engineers have their final say and a fundraising campaign is done, work will begin.

"What we hope to do is get that started late this fall, early winter, and have most of it completed by springtime. ... [The campaign] is going pretty well. We're probably at this point, from the numbers I've seen, more than a third but not quite half way to where we need to be. We're hoping to raise about \$120,000."

In the meantime, Annette Handy says the farm could use some help in another way:

"We're always looking for volunteers."

There are dozens of volunteers who share the daily responsibilities of feeding and caring for the animals. It's a chance to get hands-on experience on a working farm, and many make it a point to donate their time as a family, as we have. It's been a fantastic experience to work next to my 10-year-old as she has developed the confidence to lead horses, round up a wayward sheep, and handle a rowdy rooster. We spent much of our summer building what she calls "Duck Manor," a new home for the Farm's four Muscovy ducks. With the help of Mom and Dad, my daughter researched what the ducks needed for a

shelter; raised the money for the supplies, and built the enclosure.

It's a rewarding experience, but volunteers alone are not enough. The fact remains the Educational Farm needs money to run. In addition to donations and revenue from the organization's day camps, there are sales from chicken eggs; there is a vegetable garden; and Joppa Hill is once again home to dairy cows, bringing the Farm full circle.

"Our gardener, she's doing a great job; everybody is always looking to expand somehow. Hopefully that will happen with our dairy farmer too. Hopefully he'll be able to expand his program here with us," Handy said.

I asked my daughter Kate what she thinks is the best part about the farm.

"Seeing all the animals. Some are sweet, some are funny, some are grumpy," she said. "I love them all. Except the roosters."

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**Upcoming events:** Joppa Hill will hold an Intertribal Harvest Gathering and annual Fall Fair on Saturday, Sept. 29, and Sunday, Sept. 30, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both days. On Sunday, Oct. 7, it's My Dogs Are Barking 5K Road Race to benefit the Animal Rescue League at 9 a.m. On Saturday, Oct. 13, animals from Joppa Hill will be at Bedford Olde Towne Day, 10 a.m to 3 p.m. at Riley Field Complex.

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NH Agriculture Commissioner Lorraine Merrill picking an apple on New Hampshire Apple Day on Sept. 5. Kelly Sennott photo.



Eber Currier picking a juicy Mac apple from his orchard in Merrimack. Kelly Sennott photo.

# Take a bite

## Tour New Hampshire's apple orchards

By Kelly Sennott

There's nothing like your first crunch into a fresh-picked apple. It's sweet, yet tart, light, yet crisp, with just the right amount of juice — you have to slurp a little to keep it from dribbling down your chin.

Apple season is upon us, and with nearly 200 apple growers in New Hampshire and approximately 2,000 acres of apple production across the state, we're in the right place to get that first fresh-picked flavor-packed bite of the wonderfulness that is a Mac apple. New England Apple Day was last Wednesday, Sept. 5, celebrated with New England Apple growers and members of the New Hampshire Fruit Growers Association at Apple Hill Farm, to kick off the season.

But where do you go for that perfect apple? New Hampshire seems to be clustered with orchards, just waiting for pickers this season.

Starting this week, Eber and Trudy Currier are guiding families and school groups into their quaint farm, Currier Orchards, nestled in the woods off Peaslee Road in Merrimack. The couple bought the farm in the 1980s, and it's become a family affair. Their niece, Joy, often helps out at the cash register, while the pair guide apple pickers through their orchard speckled with Macs, Galas, Cortlands, Macouns and Honey Crisp apples. It's a family that runs the business, and it's the families that Eber enjoys seeing trek through his farm.

"The best thing that we offer is a place for families to come. It's healthy, it's an inexpensive activity, and you get something good from it," he said. "We used

to do wholesale, when we first began 28 years ago, but then we moved into 'pick your own,'" Eber said. It's nice because it brings more families in, but it's also helpful for Eber and Trudy because it's less physical strain. They're still working seven days a week come fall, and they're in their 80s, Eber said.

Both he and Trudy grew up farming or gardening in some way; his background was in potato farming in Maine, and she gardened when she was younger, her first job identifying the fertilized chicken eggs at a farm. He worked as an International Harvester dealer before they bought the farm, which is when he "retired from that, and went to work," he jokes.

The farm hosts school field trips, teaching kids where their food comes from. "Many kids are actually very surprised to see that you can go and pick an apple off a tree — that they don't really come from grocery stores," Trudy said.

It's a smaller farm, Trudy said, but they make fresh, unpasteurized cider every Saturday. Many visitors enjoy watching this process through the window panes. There are some kids who are quite fond of the farm stand: "One girl came in and cried because the cider wasn't ready!" Trudy said.

Each New Hampshire orchard has its charms. Apple Hill Farm in Concord is located atop a grassy hill. A climb to the top reveals a majestic view of the green farm fields, the apple trees and, far out, some New Hampshire mountains.

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the top of the hill, there are comfortable ski lift seats that let you enjoy the views — one facing the mountains, one facing the orchard. It's a great spot to see fireworks on the Fourth of July or to look at the stars at night, Diane explains.

Come for the apples, or for the other fresh fruits and vegetables or the weekend hayrides. Apple Hill Farm also offers a few fall raspberries for picking — they're a light yellow but taste just as deliciously sweet as your red spring raspberries. The Southerns use these raspberries to make a delicious golden jam, Diane said.

It's true that when you opt to run a "pick your own" orchard, there is chance there will be waste — pickers will knock apples down, but it's a memory, a family tradition that they're preserving, Chuck said.

The Southerns even allow members to bring their dogs for an apple-picking excursion, because well, "The dog is part of the family, too!"

There were some doubts as to what would come of this year's apple crop. The apples are bigger, for sure, said Eber Currier of Currier Orchards in Merrimack, but the frost had them a bit worried. That weird weather in March caused many of the trees to bloom early (remember St. Patrick's Day in shorts?). With no snow on the ground, no frost in the soil, the apple trees responded to the warm weather as if it were the third week in April, Chuck said, and the buds swelled to one half inch in diameter.

But then came March 27. The temperature dropped 20 degrees, which is "unremarkable" except that the apples were at a stage that they'd normally be at on April 27. Thus, some of those blooming buds didn't make it through the spring. Crops all over New Hampshire were affected in some way or another.

But somehow, the rest of the year seemed to redeem itself; Currier noticed his apples this year were bigger than in the past, perhaps due to the number of sunny days we had this summer. The trees at the top of the hill on Apple Hill Farm

are still thick with apple clusters.

In New Hampshire, you get something different at every orchard, Chuck said. You'll get different heirloom varieties, different experiences, different flavors.

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- **Mack's Apples** (230 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, macksapples.com, 432-3456)
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# Find your way

Corn stalks make good mazes



The White House and Appalachian Trail Hikers mazes at Beech Hill Farm in Hopkinton. Courtesy photo.

By Luke Steere

These challenges are far from corny. The bulk of farms that hold corn mazes opened them at the beginning of September, but planning aplenty has gone into these labyrinthine creations since their plantings in May. By the time they are ready for the public, corn fields have been given dirt pathways flanked by 10-foot-high stalks and converted into tourist attractions.

At 8,000 feet above Coppal House in Lee, you can see the shapes of two rabbits, facing one another, shapes that were cut into the corn by workers from a free-lance maze company from Missouri who have been cutting for farm owner John Hutton for the past eight years.

Down below, it's all stalks. Designs are typically done by converting measurements onto graph paper. In Milford, Beans and Greens' maze is designed by owners Andy and Martina Howe's son Alex. In eighth grade, Alex was assigned a math project and chose to design the corn maze for the family farm. That year it was an easy solve.

"He's figured out more and more things to add to the maze, so it's been getting more and more difficult each and every year," Martina Howe said. Many corn mazes include scavenger hunts, trivia questions and other fun twists.

Alex is now in his first year out of college, so the Beans and Greens maze has become rather notorious, Martina said, and it comes with a disclaimer: Expect to be in there at least an hour. Unlike the Coppal House maze, it looks like nothing from the air, but it does have an Olympic-themed trivia game, a scavenger hunt

and an easier set of programs for younger kids. Come October, the maze will be open at night. No stadium or personal lighting is necessary, Howe said, because people's eyes adjust to the dark. As Halloween approaches, they "ramp up the scariness" by adding more costumed staff theatrics and trick-or-treat themed set pieces to the maze.

The Kimballs, Donna and Bob, are also DIYers over at Beech Hill Farm in Hopkinton. They cut their first maze 12 years ago and began a run of history-themed events.

"Schools began bringing groups as part of their curriculum. They were too large and we really couldn't put them all in at once," Donna Kimball said. Now the Kimballs have divided it into three mazes and participants can choose the Appalachian Trail, the White House Challenge, or 100-Year Anniversaries and go on a scavenger hunt matched to the theme.

Mazegoers can bring a non-perishable food item to benefit the SHARE charity and receive \$1 off the price of admission at Sunny Prairie Farms in Milford, which has a pirate-themed scavenger hunt within its maze with clues and a treasure.

A 3-acre maze has been cut at Lull Farm in Milford. It is in a block design and has no attached games; this one is a straightforward, problem-solving set-up. Moulton Farm in Meredith is themed "All About Corn" and is cut in the shape of a tractor. Moulton's "maze mastermind," Wesley Thomas, incorporated dead ends, repeats and overlapping paths. The Moulton maze features a trivia game and prizes as well as a mini-maze with an elevated picnic area for parents.

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over 10 years and always done it ourselves. It started with a half acre and has grown to four and a quarter [acres]. It was one of the first ones in the area and we've always tried to keep it a family farm event," said John Moulton, owner of the Moulton farm.

Although they've evolved into games, mazes were once used in rituals and processions; they date back to Greek and Roman times. Corn mazes in particular, though, are quite recent. The Amazing Maize Maze, according to [www.americanmaze.com](http://www.americanmaze.com), was the first ever, built in 1993 by Don Frantz at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pa. Frantz is the creative director of the American Maze Co., the site says, and he attempted to bring a hedge-maze design, an accoutrement for English manors, to a larger scale. The cornfield provided his canvas, a massive area where miles of walking pathway could be snaked through.

The company's designs gar-



nered national attention and landed it in the Guinness Book of World Records — and, of course, spawned countless imitators. They have become pet projects for many New Hampshire farmers, who say the rewards of becoming an entertainment destination are worth the extra work.

"It helps offset losses," Howe

said. "We've had a major infestation of deer that ate about 6,000 heads of lettuce, hawks eating turkeys, an opossum that was eating chickens. There is so much that goes on at the farm that everything, weather, nature, animals, all have an effect. Having the corn maze helps us survive." Howe said the maze regularly draws a good number of people, providing a positive revenue stream for farm operations.

Mazes bring in different people than those who would come for produce or a tour of the facilities. Coppal House Farms owner John Hutton says that boost in awareness is important.

"We have other products for sale, like winter squash, onions, lamb, pork and eggs — people get interested," Hutton said.

After a walk through Coppal House's rabbit-themed maze, a look at the farm's oil seed crop, which is going to be turned into food-grade canola cooking oil, may pique people's interest enough so that they come to other events.

Within the maze, Hutton has built in some animal education.

"People that know a lot about rabbits are going to get through it quickly," he said. Mailboxes at intersections in the rabbit maze contain multiple-choice questions, and each answer has a corresponding route. The correct answer gets you through the maze the quickest. In the past the farm has done dragonfly, turtle, moose and coyote themes.

Typically, corn mazes will be planted in May, and then planning begins so the mazes can be prepared starting in June. The path cutting is done while the

corn is still low, one to two feet, Bob Kimball explained, and several cuts are done to ensure a clear path.

As the corn reaches maturity, the mazes open. Some farms will plant faster-growing varieties to move the season up. Sweet corn and cattle corn are not typically used, although they can be. Martina Howe said she uses feed corn and chops it up to use as fertilizer.

"It's important not to wait too long in the season; the best time to go is before frost when the maze is much more dense. The whole atmosphere is way better when our maze is incredibly healthy," she said.

At Coppal House, Hutton plants grain-style corn that he turns over for feed after the season.

"The advantage is we get the year's crop to salvage for feed and a bigger, thicker ear, better than silage or sweet corn, with more leaves, making for a thicker, better maze," he said.

Of the hundreds of corn varieties, the Kimballs opt for a longer-maturity corn and ignore tonnage or ear yield, focusing on stalk strength and water retention.

"It costs me more to do that, because I am getting special seeds, but it produces stalks that are 10 to 12 feet, some a little higher," Bob Kimball said.

The Beech Hill Farm maze opens on Aug. 1, a month earlier than most, so the corn needs to be up there longer. A neighbor of the Kimballs has beef cattle and uses the corn after it is cut in November. The stay-green quality has another advantage in its

decreased fire risk, Bob Kimball added.

"We have staff safety meetings at the beginning of each of season. It's a refresher course with the fire department," Hutton said. "They come in and discuss what's new, what to look for and what we could do better."

Local fire departments are notified about corn mazes in town. If the point is to find your way out, people begin the maze lost by default, and farms take precautions as such. Smoking, drinking and running are usually prohibited.

Some Coppal House and Beans and Greens employees become "corn cops," workers who are well-versed in the year's maze and who search through it, backward, every 20 minutes looking for people who may be lost, claustrophobic, dehydrated or worse. The Kimballs employ a system of numbered stakes along with their trivia signs, with an emergency number posted on each, so that if mazegoers are in trouble they can call for help.

"There are accidents we've heard about," Bob Kimball said. "Our mazes are on about 15 to 20 acres, you can really get lost in there, so we've been promoting safety more and more each year."

Extra exits have been added to the edges of the Beech Hill maze at various points. If people are in distress, they are able to get out and walk around the side of the maze, Kimball said.

A problem Beans and Greens has experienced is lack of adult supervision. Howe said parents would too often drop children off and then leave, which, combined with the difficulty of the maze, led to damaged stalks, running and other mischief. Children under 16 require adult supervision and a ratio of at least one adult for every five children in a given group.

"It's about having fun," Donna Kimball said. "They're educational as well as being good exercise ... we try to come up with things that appropriate for school-age children, as well fun things that appeal to adults."

### Corn mazes

- **Beans and Greens Farm**, 245 Intervale Road, Gilford, 293-2853  
Approximate maze time: 1 hour plus  
Ages 16 and younger must be accompanied by adult, one adult per five kids.  
Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (must be out by 5:45 p.m.)  
Night maze Fridays and Saturdays 8 to 10 p.m., \$9, reservations required.  
Cost: \$7 (\$5 under 12)
- **Beech Hill Farm**, 107 Beech Hill Road, Hopkinton, 223-0828, [www.beechhillfarm.com](http://www.beechhillfarm.com)  
Approximate maze time: 40 min. (each maze)  
Hours: 11 a.m. to dusk till Oct. 31  
Cost: \$5 per person per day (age 3 and younger free); reservations required for groups
- **Coppal House Farm**, 118 North River Road, Lee, 659-3572, [www.nhcornmaze.com](http://www.nhcornmaze.com)  
Approximate maze time: 40 min. to an hour  
Hours: Wednesday through Friday noon to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. In October, seven days per week.  
Cost: \$8 (\$6 for those younger than 12, military, college students, over 62; free for children younger than 5)
- **Sunny Prairie Farms**, 196 N. River Road, Milford, 673-0647, [www.tromblygardens.com](http://www.tromblygardens.com)  
Approximate maze time: 45 min.  
Hours: Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Night time Saturday, Oct. 6, to 10 p.m.  
Cost: \$5 adults, \$4 children
- **Riverview Farm**, 141 River Road, Plainfield, 298-8519, [www.riverviewnh.com](http://www.riverviewnh.com)  
Approximate maze time: 30 min.  
Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through end of October  
Cost: \$4 (free for ages 4 and younger)
- **Moulton Farm**, 18 Quarry Road, Meredith, 279-3915, [www.moultonfarm.com](http://www.moultonfarm.com)  
Approximate maze time: 50 min.  
Hours: 8 a.m. — 6 p.m.  
Cost: \$5 (\$3 ages 6 and younger)





Tomatoes laid out at Lewis Farm in Concord. Cory Francer photo.

# Harvest your dinner

CSAs bring home the bounty

By Cory Francer

The cucumbers, ears of corn and leeks were picked that morning, all lined up in a vibrant display of greens, reds and yellows alongside tomatoes, squash and peppers. The jams, made from assorted berries, each were marked with the date they were canned, some just three weeks ago.

Lewis Farm in Concord offers many of these items as part of its community supported agriculture or CSA program, providing its members with the freshest produce possible and a chance to get to know the farmers working hard to fill their customers' plates.

Sometimes, food just needs a little more personality.

With the local food movement on the rise, many area farmers are seeing the popularity of their CSA programs steadily increase. Many of the customers they serve who have joined the programs have done so to take a bit of ownership of their local farm.

"As soon as people get involved with the farm, it becomes their farm," said Harry Lewis, the owner of Lewis Farm.

Each week, farmers like Lewis provide mostly produce, though some CSAs offer dairy, eggs and meat, for community members who have purchased a share of the farm's production up front. At the start of the season, a certain number of shares are bought and reserved for those weekly pickups.

That influx of cash at the start of the season helps the farmers maintain their operations throughout the year, and members are rewarded with locally produced food.

"As far as CSAs go, it helps the farmers out to get started," Lewis said.

As the seasons and temperatures change, the types of vegetables that farms can produce also changes. Kate Peters, who is in her third year of membership in the Lewis Farm CSA program, said she has been able to expand her personal palate with the variety of food she picks up on a weekly basis.

"We like having the fresh food every week and we always get something different," she said. "Harry's always willing to share thoughts about how to prepare things, and sometimes we get new stuff that we've never tried before."

And while Peters said the taste of the fresh food she picks up from her CSA share is an improvement over what can be bought at the grocery store, she also said she enjoys knowing exactly where her food is grown.

"You feel a little more invested," Peters said. "You drive by and I know that's where my food comes from. They are always happy to explain how they do things and show you where your food comes from. There's nothing like a fresh tomato or fresh corn from down the street."

Though spring and summer tend to be the most popular seasons for CSA participation, many farms extend their seasons through the fall. Larry Pletcher, owner of Vegetable Ranch in Warner, helps run the Kearsarge Mountain CSA along with Kearsarge Gore Farm. That CSA season runs through the middle of October, but Pletcher's company also operates the Concord Area Winter CSA, which operates from December through March.

Pletcher said that by operating the CSA in the winter months, the members of his

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program are able to satiate their desires for fresh produce, even when snow coats the ground. During the fall, Pletcher said, he stores various items that can last through the winter, including parsnips, rutabaga, onions and potatoes. Then in his greenhouse, he also grows and harvests cold-hearted greens such as spinach that are included in the CSA shares.

The winter program has been popular for Pletcher and he said the shares sold out last year, even without the use of advertising. “It’s particularly popular because it is rare,” he said. “People are anxious to get winter greens.” But before the winter program begins, Pletcher said he is currently preparing for the changes that fall brings to local agriculture. As the temperature drops, he said, the vegetables that do the best are root-based. In October, Pletcher said it is the perfect time to see kale, lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower and cabbage thriving. “Right about mid-September, nature slams on the brakes,” Pletcher said. “What we’re trying to do on lettuce is to get as much of it planted right now as we can.” Though fresh vegetables are generally what draws community members to CSAs, the format of the program can be utilized for other items as well. At Field to

Join a CSA

- **Abbott Farm**, 390 Sanborn Road, Tilton, offers a 20-week CSA program, June through October, offering produce, bread and eggs. A 10-week winter CSA runs November through February.
- **Beans and Greens Farm**, 300 Gunstock Road, Gilford, offers a summer and off-season CSA offering produce, meat and eggs.
- **Maggie Mae Farm at Spring Hill Farm Trust**, 96 Towle Road, Chester, offers a 16-week CSA starting in June and offers meat and produce shares with an egg option.
- **Picnic Rock Farms**, 85 Daniel Webster Highway, Meredith, offers a 12-week summer CSA featuring produce and bread with an herb and cut flowers option.
- **Surowiec Farm**, 53 Perley Hill Road, Sanbornton, offers a 20-week CSA program from June to October featuring fruit and vegetables.
- **Fresh Start Farm**, 521 Maple St., Manchester, offers summer shares in July and August, fall shares in September and October and full shares. Pickup locations are offered in Manchester, Derry and Portsmouth.
- **Holland Farm**, 269 Osgood Road, Milford, offers various share options featuring produce, flowers and raw goat milk.
- **Hungry Bear Farm**, 27 Fairfield Lane, Wil-

Fork Farm in Chester, a six-month meat and eggs CSA is available to provide organic and pasture-raised chicken and pork. Patrick Connelly, the farm’s owner, said that his CSA has grown in popularity, selling out in 2012. The program runs from June to November, and Connelly said that much like with CSAs with a produce focus, the locality and

non-industrial manner in which his food is produced has been the draw toward Field to Fork Farm. “People are trying to eat local,” he said. “There’s a meat portion to that and not too many farms are providing that.” Because the up-front cost of CSAs can be a deterrent to potential consumers, many farms offer half shares as well. Lewis Farm,

for example, offered a \$400 half share and a \$700 full share in 2012. Vegetable Ranch assesses its prices based on the value of members’ shares, and Connelly said the Field to Fork CSA in 2012 cost \$1,100 and got its members a half pig, about 65 pounds’ worth, 25 full-size chickens and 26 dozen eggs. As the public gains knowledge

about the practices in mass-produced agriculture, Connelly said he expects people to continue to seek out food produced on a smaller scale. “People don’t want their meat raised that way with chemicals and drugs that they wouldn’t use themselves,” he said. “They tend to seek local food and get away from that industrial setting.”

Ride a horse, pet a goat

A hayride is a breath of fresh air

By Jeff Mucciarone

This is the busiest time of year at Charmingfare Farm. The Candia farm — well, it’s a farm with produce and livestock, but it’s also a zoo, a place to take hayrides and sleigh rides and a place to take the kids trick-or-treating — has lots going on right now, and more activities in the works for this fall. The community-supported agriculture (CSA) program is in high gear; patrons are picking up loads of produce, as well as meat, though the meat portion of the CSA is more limited, said owner John Pyteraf. Charmingfare’s CSA operation, which began about four years ago, offers pasture-raised beef, broiler chickens and organic lamb and pork, as well as all the typical produce. “It’s been a great program,” Pyteraf said. “It’s neat to see all the families come out on

Wednesday nights. It’s been a big success.” The Pumpkin Festival, trick-or-treating, the Harvest of Horror, and the Lighted Winter Wonderland are big draws at Charmingfare. Pumpkin Fest, which runs for two weekends beginning Saturday, Sept. 29, is a celebration of the pumpkin, featuring sack races, a bounce house, games, a cow-milking contest and a bale-rolling contest. The heart of the nearly 200-acre farm is its draft horses. Charmingfare Farm opened in 1985 with horses pulling sleighs and wagons full of people. Everything else sprouted from that, and those horses still pull people on hayrides — and winter sleigh rides, provided there is snow — Pyteraf said. “It all branches down from the draft horses,” Pyteraf said. “They’re always a component in most things we do.” Sleigh rides and hayrides were big draws from the start, particularly for large groups of people. School groups began to turn to the farm for educational programs with

other farm animals. Goats, sheep and pigs were popular. Visitors can also take part in guided horseback trail rides. Zac Curtis, the farm manager, said occasionally kids get to play tug of war with the farm’s oxen. It was right about the time the farm obtained a llama in the 1990s that Pyteraf received a notification from the federal government that the farm was in violation of the Animal Welfare Act. It wasn’t that the farm staff wasn’t taking care of its animals or neglecting them in any way. The problem was that animals were being used not just as livestock, but as a way to attract visitors to pet and feed them. The law required Pyteraf to decide whether to maintain the farm strictly for livestock or to obtain a zoo license. Pyteraf said the inspector was helpful in presenting options. Pyteraf made the call to expand the farm into a zoo with North American wildlife. Aside from a camel, which hails from the

- **Work Song Farm**, Beech Hill Road, Hopkinton, offers a 21-week summer CSA from June to October offering produce.
- **Charmingfare Farm**, 774 High St., Candia, offers an 18-week garden CSA from June to October and livestock CSA options featuring beef, pork, lamb, turkey and chicken. An egg CSA is also available.
- **Field to Fork Farm**, 522 Haverhill Road, Chester, offers a six-month CSA from June to November featuring meat and eggs.
- **Hillside Farm of Chester**, 121 Derry Road, Chester, offers a CSA with pre-loaded debit cards to be used at the farm. A full subscription is \$500 and a half subscription is \$250.
- **Stone Wall Farm Nottingham**, 97 McCrillis Road, Nottingham, offers a CSA program along with Osprey Cove Organic Farm, 255 Littleworth Road, Madbury, with pickup locations at both farms and at the Portsmouth Farmers Market.
- **Stout Oak Farm**, 83 Middle Road, Brentwood, offers a 20-week produce CSA beginning in June.
- **Mildred’s Drumlin Farm**, 314 Lee Hook Road, Lee, offers a 20-week CSA from late May or early June to mid-October offering produce.

Himalayas, a porcupine, two hefty raccoons, reindeer, coyotes and a gray fox make the farm home. That’s along with two black bears, a mountain lion and two wolves, not to mention plenty of farm animals, like goats, sheep, ducks, pigs, and ponies. While animals like wolves and bears are interesting to people, families and kids enjoy the animals they can interact with. People can feed and touch goats and sheep. Kids love that, Pyteraf said. The zoo component provides a chance for people to see animals that could live in New Hampshire, some they might even see in their backyard. Pyteraf began expanding the wildlife on the farm in the mid-1990s. About 60 percent of the farm’s visitors are from out of state. The animals are just one piece of the Charmingfare puzzle. Children delight in trick-or-treating with costumed characters while navigating





Animals frolic at Charmingfare Farm. Photo by Jeff Mucciarone

through a corn maze. At night, the trick-or-treating area is turned into a much spookier setting, but still a family-friendly one. It's spooky, but farm staff avoid "blood and guts," Patrons are treated to the "Wagon of Fear," the "Barn of the Dead," and the "Infested Corn Field."

In November, the Halloween setting is switched over to Lighted Winter Wonderland. As long as there is snow, Charmingfare Farm will host sleigh rides this winter, Pyteraf said. Santa also makes visits to the farm in December.

Weather is always challenging. The surprise snowstorm on Halloween weekend last year significantly impacted trick-or-treating. The rest of the winter was largely devoid of snow, which didn't help people get out on sleigh rides, Pyteraf said.

Pyteraf is starting up some lodging packages beginning this winter. Workers have renovated and upgraded rooms in the farmhouse. Pyteraf figured people often call asking about accommodations — why not offer lodging right on the property?

During the warmest times of the year, animals can be sluggish: "There are times the black bears are sitting poolside and nothing is going to rally them up," Pyteraf said.

Most of the wildlife on the farm are less active in the summer. Fall, on the other hand, is the perfect time of year to see the animals in action. The wolves ran back and forth inside their pen last week as the farm's two herding dogs ran alongside them outside the pen.

At this stage, the farm is essentially caring for a geriatric population of zoo animals. The wolves are 15 years old, the mountain lion is 17 years old and the bears are aging, Pyteraf said.

The farm's animals have not come from

the wild. Pyteraf often gets calls about taking in rehabilitated wild animals. Those animals often aren't a fit on the farm. Animals raised in captivity and around humans are better matches for Charmingfare Farm, he said. For that reason, Pyteraf doesn't frequently acquire animals, and when he is on the lookout for a particular animal, it can take some time to find the right one. He said it took two years to replace the farm's porcupine.

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• **Children's Trick or Treat**, which features costumed characters in a kid-friendly environment, takes place Saturday, Oct. 13, Sunday, Oct. 14, Saturday, Oct. 20, Sunday, Oct. 21, Saturday, Oct. 27, and Sunday, Oct. 28, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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EVENTS TO CHECK OUT SEPTEMBER 13 - 19, 2012, AND BEYOND

## Thursday, Sept. 13

Bop along to popular Broadway, jazz and folk and some original arrangements played by the Air Force Band of Liberty Bay State Winds clarinet quartet in a free concert that starts at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of Manchester City Library (405 Pine St., 624-6550). See [www.bandofliberty.af.mil](http://www.bandofliberty.af.mil).



## Saturday, Sept. 15

Say "Woof!" It's Pet Day at the Concord Arts Market in Concord's Bicentennial Square, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. In addition to all the funky art-work you can view and buy, there will be various pet-related events and the election of the canine and feline mayors of Concord. Pets on leashes are welcome. Call 229-2157 or visit [www.concordartsmarket.com](http://www.concordartsmarket.com).



## Saturday, Sept. 15

Get in touch with your creative side at an "Intuitive Drawing" workshop at the League of NH Craftsmen Nashua Gallery, 98 Main St., Nashua, from 1 to 4 p.m. It covers techniques used with graphite and charcoal drawing and is open to adults and teens with any level of experience. Cost is \$30 upon registration, plus a \$10 materials fee. Call 595-8233.



## Tuesday, Sept. 18

Meet Olympic gold medalist Joan Benoit Samuelson. She'll be at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester) for a screening of her documentary, *There is No Finish Line*, at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.). Tickets are \$10 (free for those younger than 16), and proceeds go to Manchester Invitational. Before the show, there will be a meet-and-greet, and afterward, a Q&A session. Call the Palace at 669-5588 to reserve a seat.



## Wednesday, Sept. 19

Was it a cougar or wasn't it? With recent sightings of cat-like creatures sparking the question, it's a good time for "Understanding Bobcats in New Hampshire," presented at the Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua) at 7 p.m. Learn about the history of bobcats in the region and how they are managed in New Hampshire. Free, but prior registration required. Call 589-4610 or visit [www.tinyurl.com/npllecture](http://www.tinyurl.com/npllecture).

## Free: Hunting help

Learn deer hunting basics on Wednesday, Sept. 19, from naturalist Dave Priebe at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord. This talk starts at 7 p.m. and is designed to teach the essentials to new and apprentice whitetail deer hunters (learn more about the apprentice hunting license at <http://www.huntnh.com/Hunting/apprentice.html>).

## Cheap: Musical yoga

Admission is \$15 for Movin' 'n' Groovin' Yoga at the Manchester Yoga Mill (250 Commercial St., Manchester) on Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m. You get to flex and stretch while a guitar player provides the music. Registration is required. Call 933-0878 or e-mail [info@manchesteryoganh.com](mailto:info@manchesteryoganh.com).

## Splurge: Season tickets

Save a seat for the season of NH Philharmonic — Bernstein and Beethoven on Saturday, Oct. 13, in Manchester, Holiday Pops on Saturday, Nov. 24, in Derry, and Fantastique on Saturday, April 20, in Manchester. It's \$150 for a prime seat, \$98 for a preferred seat, or \$70 for a festival seat. Discounts are available for seniors and students. Visit [www.nhphilharmonic.org](http://www.nhphilharmonic.org) or call 647-6476.



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Five shows, three judges.

Ten minutes to set up, one hour to dazzle and 10 minutes to disassemble.

The New Hampshire Community Theatre Festival is New Hampshire's little theater secret. This year's will be held Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Amato Center in Milford.

"We're going on 41 years, and nobody's ever heard of us," said Jerry White, second vice president of the New Hampshire Community Theatre Festival. Theater people know about it, but few outside the community even know of its existence, never mind attend, White said.

That's a shame. The festival is one of the bigger events for New Hampshire community theater. It has hosted as many as 12 theater companies in a given year. This year's event features five productions. Think *American Idol* for community theater, with judges (or "adjudicators") Caroline Nesbitt, founder of Advice to the Players in Sandwich; Kelly Morgan, former professor of theater at Fitchburg State and Dean College in Massachusetts; and Nancy Stone, drama professor at Franklin Pierce College. The festival includes judges from outside New Hampshire community theater, White said, to ensure an unbiased perspective.

While it's true that each theater company is competing for a spot in the regional contest in February in Chelmsford, Mass., this festival is like a family gathering.

"What I've found is that it's kind of like going to a high school football game. You may not always see the best team, but it's your hometown team. And you're rooting for the home team," said Dave Agans, president of the Milford Area Players. The Players will perform *Cabin 12*, a play exam-

ining tension and grief between father and son. Actorsingers will present *Love, Loss and What I Wore*, vignettes from a woman's perspective; Nashua Theatre Guild will perform *City of Bones*; Bedford Off Broadway will present *Skin Deep*, a story about a woman's search for love; and Ghostlight Theatre Company of New England will perform the dark comedy *Mr. Marmalade*.

The entertainment is not just in the performance; it's also in the judging.

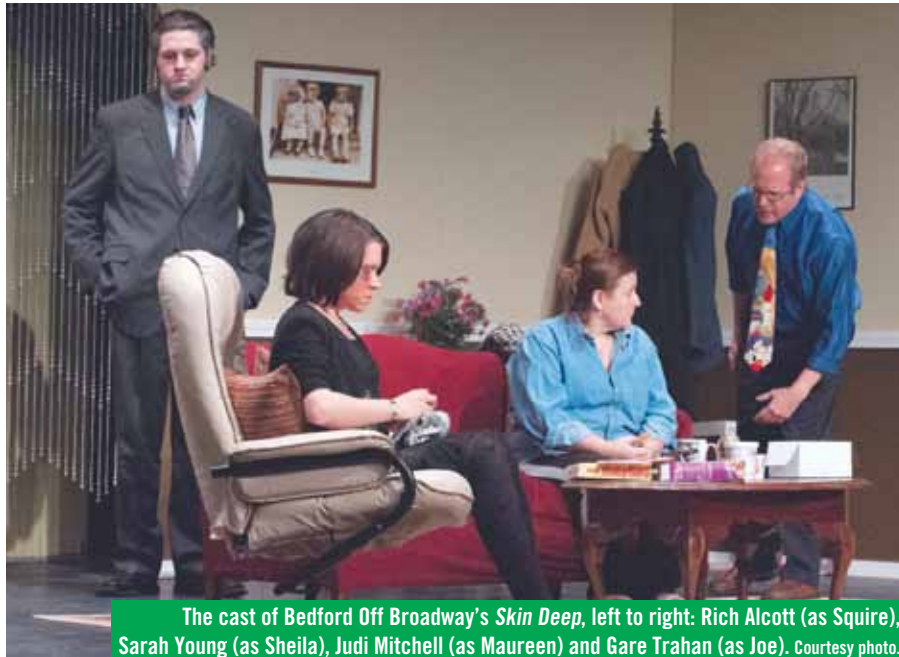
"I think a lot of people enjoy hearing the adjudicator comments," Agans said. People enjoy finding people to root for, as these people aren't professionals, he said.

It takes quite a bit of work for each group to participate. The companies have to be creative in cutting multiple-act productions down to size for the festival — which also adds pressure to make each moment and each dollar count. Nobody here is doing it for the money.

Joe Pelonzi, director of Bedford Off Broadway's production, worked with the actors and playwright Jon Lonoff to cut down their spring production of *Skin Deep*. They shrank the show from one hour and 40 minutes to just under an hour.

Pelonzi was lucky and got permission from Lonoff without much trouble. Often, this process can be much longer, White said, so companies will often choose plays that are already short. This was the case with Milford Area Players' *Cabin 12*.

With less elaborate sets and fewer lines, it's really up to the actors to move the show, Pelonzi said. Their facial expressions have to be more prominent, their gestures more pronounced, their parts more moving, to make up for the chunks of lines or scenes removed from the story. Thus, a large number of theater companies opt for dramas over comedies or experimental theater.



The cast of Bedford Off Broadway's *Skin Deep*, left to right: Rich Alcott (as Squire), Sarah Young (as Sheila), Judi Mitchell (as Maureen) and Gare Trahan (as Joe). Courtesy photo.

And while, of course, each organization wants to be one of the top two, who will represent the Granite State in the regional competition, what's more important is the sense of community and the learning involved in the festival, Pelonzi said. Even though he's directing one of the competition's entrants, he's also assisting another production in stage setup. Backstage workers from other groups will be assisting in the setup/disassembly of *Skin Deep*, too.

"We just want to put on a good show for the audience, and they'll do whatever it takes to do that," Pelonzi said.

There are goodies between the productions, such as a show by Larry Pizza and his improv troupe, and a "combat" workshop by actor Bob Haas, in which audience members will get a lesson on how to fight on stage.

This year is a bit of an "Olympic" year for community theater. Every two years, the American Association of Community Theatre holds a national festival where regional finalists compete; there will be one in Indiana in June. Every four years, they're competing for a spot in the World Amateur Theatre Festival (also called Mondial du

Theatre or International Festival of Amateur Theatre) in Monaco, France; that will be held in August.

White says he was initially dragged into show business by his wife — she volunteered for him to be a set builder way back when — but his passion is evident when he talks about the festival and the camaraderie, picking out old programs from 1976 to demonstrate. "Come to the festival, I'll introduce you to everyone!" he says. Everyone's welcome, not only theater people. "It's five shows in one!"

### NH Community Theatre Festival

**Where:** Amato Center, 56 Mont Vernon St., Milford

**When:** Saturday, Sept. 22, noon to 6 p.m.

**Admission:** \$25 for the entire day; purchase at door.

**Plays:** *Love Loss and What I Wore*, by Nashua Actorsingers; *City of Bones* by the Nashua Theatre Guild; *Skin Deep* by Bedford Off Broadway; *Cabin 12* by Milford Area Players; and *Mr. Marmalade* by Ghostlight.

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#### THEATER LISTINGS

• **HOMESTEAD CROSSING** at the Merrimack Repertory Theatre (50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell, Mass.), through Sept. 30. Tickets begin at \$20. Call 978-654-4678.  
• **THE 25TH ANNUAL PUT-NAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE** preview night on Thurs., Sept. 13, at 7 p.m., at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester, 668-5588). Citizens Bank is offering free tickets to all New Hampshire teachers, school staff and administrators. Space may be limited. Call to redeem tickets.

• **SAME TIME, NEXT YEAR** at the Amato Center (56 Mont Vernon Road, Milford) on Fri., Sept. 14, at 8 p.m., Sat., Sept. 15, at 2 and 8 p.m., and Sun., Sept. 16, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students. Visit MandMP.com or call 838-3006.  
• **FROM NOW ON** shows at the Players' Ring (105 Marcy St., Portsmouth, 436-8123, playersring.org) on Fri., Sept. 14, at 8 p.m.; Sat., Sept. 15, at 8 p.m.; and Sun., Sept. 16, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15.  
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• **FAIRY HOUSE TOURS** New Hampshire Theatre Project will perform on the grounds of the Langdon House (143 Pleasant St., Portsmouth) on Sat., Sept. 15, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Sun., Sept. 16, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
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• **THE MOOSE IN ME, THE MOOSE IN YOU** by Ida LeClair on Sat., Sept. 22, at 8 p.m. at the West End Studio Theatre (959 Islington St., Portsmouth). Tickets are \$18-\$20. Call 300-2986 or visit actonenh.org.

• **NH FESTIVAL OF COMMUNITY THEATRE** competition on Sat., Sept. 22, at the Amato Center for the Performing Arts in Milford (56 Mont Vernon St.). Five performances by five troops spread over two sessions, noon to 6 p.m. Tickets \$25 for the day; visit nhcommunitytheatre.com or buy at door.  
• **THRESHOLD**, presented by Boston Circus Guild, hits Nashua's Elm St. Middle School Keefe Auditorium on Sat., Sept. 22, at 1 and 5 p.m. Tickets are \$23. Call 882-3616, ext. 1139.



## ARTS CURTAIN CALLS

• **Vote for our Bugles:** The Nashua-based Spartans Drum and Bugle Corps is working to earn \$250,000 through Chase Community Giving. In order to win, the Spartans need to earn the most votes on the Chase website through Sept. 19. The Spartans are a nationally recognized drum and bugle corps and have represented New Hampshire in four presidential inaugural parades, having won a number of national titles, most recently "Best Color Guard in 2012" at the 2012 Drum Corps International Competition in Indianapolis. To vote, visit [facebook.com/chasecommunitygiving](http://facebook.com/chasecommunitygiving) or [spartansdbc.org](http://spartansdbc.org), and follow the Chase Community link. "We are working hard towards our goal of becoming the top charity in the Chase Community Giving program," said Spartan President Paul LaFlamme in a press release. "We will use the funds to upgrade some important capital needs of our organization, including uniforms and percussion equipment, should we be fortunate enough to win."

• **An ear lift for the Keefe Auditorium:** It was a constructive summer for Sympho-

ny NH and for the Keefe Auditorium (117 Elm St., Nashua). Rich Gwinn Design & Build removed sound-absorbing curtains and replaced them with reflective acoustic panels, which will "add immeasurably" to the concert experience, according to a press release. This summer's work also included other types of cosmetic "lifts" in new paint, lighting, sound upgrades and even a new sign out front. The public is invited to see these changes in person at the first concert of the year on Saturday, Oct. 6. For a picture, see the symphony's Facebook page

• **New music therapy director:** Concord Community Music School announced a new program director for its new music therapy program, according to the school's website. Julieann Hartley earned a bachelor's degree in music from Anna Maria College, having double-majored in music therapy and psychology. She's a board-certified music therapist and a member of the Music Therapy Association. Visit [ccmusic-school.org](http://ccmusic-school.org).

## RITZY MUSIC



The Majestic Theatre presents *Puttin' on the Ritz* on Friday, Sept. 28, at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, Sept. 29, at 7:30 p.m., at the Concord City Auditorium (2 Prince St., Concord). The singers from the Majestic energize this revue of Irving Berlin songs in a fast-paced tribute to the man considered "the heart of American music." In his 60-year career, Berlin wrote an estimated 1,500 songs, including the scores for 19 Broadway shows and 18 Hollywood films, with songs nominated for eight Academy Awards, according to a press release. The show is presented by the Walker Lecture Fund ([walkerlecture.org](http://walkerlecture.org)) and admission is free. Call 225-6497.

### Auditions/open calls

• **AUDITIONS** for Franklin Footlight Theatre's Dickens classic, *A Christmas Carol*, on Thurs., Sept. 13, and Fri., Sept. 14, at 7 p.m., at the Franklin Opera House (316 Central St., Franklin, 934-1901, [franklinoperahouse.org](http://franklinoperahouse.org)). All ages and experience levels needed.

• **AUDITIONS** at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester, 668-5588) for its professional

productions of *Footloose* and *A Christmas Carol* on Sat., Sept. 15. Auditions for ages 16 and older. Open dance call is at 1 p.m., open singer call at 2 p.m. Prepare 16 bars of song that showcases voice talents. Email [put@palacetheatre.org](mailto:put@palacetheatre.org).

• **LOOKING FOR PERFORMERS** for the Milford Pumpkin Festival Talent Show. Auditions are on Sat., Sept. 29, at the Milford Town Hall Auditorium (1 Union Square,

Milford). Sign up at [milfordpumpkinfestival.org](http://milfordpumpkinfestival.org). Pumpkin festival is Sat., Oct. 6, at 9 p.m. at the Amato Center for the Performing Arts (56 Mont Vernon St., Milford). Advance tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for children younger than 12. Call 249-0676.

• **CALL FOR SINGERS** for Rhythm of New Hampshire Show Chorus, which is seeking female singers to join a *cappella* barber-shop singing. Visit a Thursday evening rehearsal 6:45-9:15 p.m. at the Marion Gerrish Community Center (35 W. Broadway, Derry), call 800-696-7351 or visit [mhchorus.org](http://mhchorus.org).

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### Workshops/other

• **WINDHAM ACTORS GUILD GALA** on Fri., Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. at Castleton Banquet and Conference Center (91 Indian Rock Road, Windham, 898-6300). Solos, duets, ensemble numbers to raise money for WAG. Tickets are \$50. Visit [windhamactorsguild.com](http://windhamactorsguild.com). Call 247-8634.

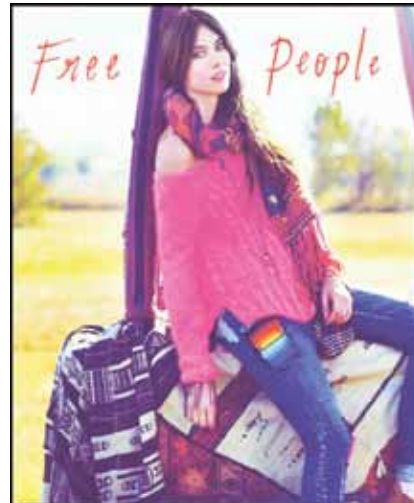
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## ARTS

# Art more fun than fine

New center feeds creative impulses

By Kelly Sennott  
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If you're an art teacher, you know you're doing something right when a 9-year-old informs you, matter-of-factly, that he'll be happily taking your “Totally Cool Math and Science Arts Camp” next year.

Of course, what 9-year-old wouldn't be interested in taking an art class where you create art by placing paint-soaked tube socks in catapults, chucking colors against the wall outside?

The rest of the classes at KC and Charlie Morgan's Wild Salamander Creative Art Center in Hollis are like that, too — colorful, fun and creative. The couple opened the creative art center last spring. Previously, KC would drive her kids to the Currier Art Studio in Manchester or Sharon Arts Center in Peterborough for art classes.

“One of the reasons we're here is also because art is getting cut back so much in school. You could be mathematically brilliant, but if you have no skills in creative thinking, you're not going to think outside the box. If you're an engineer, you still need to think creatively to solve problems,” Charlie said.

The Morgans went all out. Colors burst from the walls: The cabinets are green, the table blue, and the shelves hold glue, paper, pipe cleaners, paint and markers. Upstairs, visitors will find a printmaking center and a digital studio. Over yonder is the craft room, and between the walls, through the halls, nooks are squeezed in everywhere, perfect for holding multiple classes at once.

It's like a Disney World for artists. Or non-artists — many of the activities that KC and the teachers offer aren't just in studio arts but also in portfolio development, jewelry making, pen and ink, cartooning and even digital art. But even with everything you could ever need in an art center, there is this clean, artsy feeling. KC says it's because of the house's past inhabitants.

Hollis residents may know it as the old “Whitty House,” named for the Hollis photographer who took senior pictures, wedding photos and everything in between.

“When we moved to town in 1990, Art Whitty was in here. And I loved coming in here looking at his stuff. He had photos of shutters from the old barn. I remembered that it was such a cool space to be in,” she said. “The whole place was a very creative family, and you could feel that,” she said.

She and Charlie hired experienced artists and teachers, but they themselves are fun, outgoing and flexible, just like the curriculum and activities they offer. (Ask KC about how they met — it involves a theater



Wild Salamander has stamp making, painting, digital art, printmaking, jewelry-making and MORE. Photo courtesy Anna Birch.

open house and a clown suit.)

“The teachers who the kids loved the most were the ones who let them explore,” she said. “Art should be something that you go do when your mom says, ‘Shut off the TV and do something else,’” she said. Her own children chose cornstarch and water to play with when they were younger. She refers to that time as the “goop years.” Her approach to art is summed up simply: “Our idea is to make it part of them,” she said.

The idea to create an art center had long been in the back of the Morgans' minds.

“Initially, we envisioned something much smaller,” KC said. Something with two rooms, maybe. But, out and about in downtown Hollis, she had an epiphany when she heard that the Whitty House was for sale. “I thought, what a great place for an art center,” she said. The papers were signed in December, and a few classes began this spring.

This fall is the first big round of classes, offered for kids as young as 2 and for adults. It was important to KC that the center remain not only accessible but also flexible — the Hollis bus will even drop kids off at the center.

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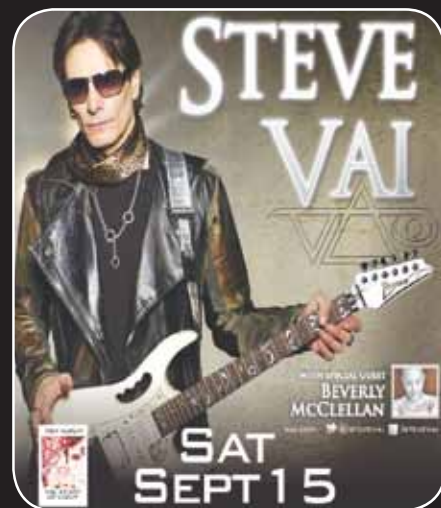
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• **Wood-fired Cambodian Ceramics Kiln:** A new Cambodian ceramics kiln will be dedicated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, Sept. 18, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Lowell National Historic Park grounds, 220 Aiken St., Lowell, Mass. This college-community arts project is made possible by grants from the Middlesex Community College Foundation and the Parker Foundation, built under the supervision of Lowell artist Yary Livan, a survivor of Cambodia's Pol Pot-era genocide and one of the few surviving masters of classical Cambodian ceramics. The kiln's first firing will be on Saturday, Sept 22, as part of LNHP's Lowell Folk Life Series. Check out the Cambodian Kiln Project blog at [www.middlesex.mass.edu/cambodiankiln](http://www.middlesex.mass.edu/cambodiankiln).

• **Learn why arts are important:** Art-Speak, the City of Portsmouth Cultural Commission, will host a number of events this weekend demonstrating why arts

impact our economy, starting with the number 41.4. An economic study conducted by Art-Speak in conjunction with Americans for the Arts shows that in a single year, \$41.4 million is injected into local and state economy by the arts. The group will host a public reception and workshop on Saturday, Sept. 14, from 8 to 11:30 a.m., with a presentation by Randy Cohen, vice president of research and policy for AFTA, who will detail the economic impact of arts and culture in Portsmouth. The State Council of the Arts will release information from the report on how arts and cultural organizations impact New Hampshire's economy on Monday, Sept. 17, said Shelly Angers, public information officer, in an email.

• **New wave of architects wins awards:** Hilary Barlow of Salem (entering her fifth year in the Bachelor of Architecture program at Syracuse University), Michael Kulikowski from Merrimack (entering his fifth year at Virginia Tech) and Mathew Arsenault of Hampstead (entering his second year at Wentworth Institute of Technology) have been awarded \$1,000 grants by the New Hampshire Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and the New Hampshire Architecture Foundation in their jointly sponsored scholarship program for New Hampshire residents. The AIANH also announced the result of its 2011-2012 High School Design Competition. The program required students to work on a theoretical project throughout the school year under the guidance of their instructors, creating a design solution, three-dimensional model and graphic plan for said project. Best Overall Design went to Jordan Young, of Pinkerton Academy; Best Model describing Design Solution to Alec Brown of Portsmouth High School, and Best Graphic Presentation to Brendan Rhoads, also of Pinkerton Academy.

• **Art on the Wall at City Hall Gallery**  
One City Hall Plaza, Manchester, 624-6455  
• **Beaver Brook Association**  
117 Ridge Road, Hollis, beaverbrook.org, 465-7787  
• **Beliveau Fine Art Gallery**  
Franco-American Centre, 52 Concord St., Manchester, 669-4045  
• **Bourque & Associates**  
835 Hanover St., Manchester, 623-5111  
• **Chapel Art Center at Saint Anselm College**, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, 641-7470  
• **Chimera Gallery**  
99 Factory St. Ext., Nashua, chimera-gallery.net, 888-2661  
• **Conservation Center Gallery Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests**  
54 Portsmouth St., Concord, 224-9945, ext. 311  
• **Currier Museum of Art**  
150 Ash St., Manchester, 669-6144

• **Currier Art Center**  
180 Pearl St., Manchester, 669-6144, ext. 122  
• **Darkroom Gallery**  
4 Vinton St., Manchester, 606-3322, darkroomgallery.net  
• **East Colony Fine Art**  
Langer Place, 55 S. Commercial St., Manchester, 621-7400  
• **Eaton-Richmond Center Gallery**  
Daniel Webster College, 20 University Drive, Nashua, 577-6000, dwc.edu  
• **E.W. Poore Framing and Gallery**  
755 Canal St., Manchester, 622-3802  
• **Exeter Fine Crafts**  
61 Water St., Exeter, 778-8282  
• **Framers Market**  
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• **Gallery One Nashua Area Artists Association (NAAA)**  
Mill House Design Center, 5 Pine Street Ext., Nashua, 883-0603, naaasite.org  
• **Hatfield Gallery**

55 S. Commercial St., Manchester, 627-7560  
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• **Loading Dock Gallery, Western Avenue Studios**  
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• **Maison De L'Art**  
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# MICROSCOPE SIGHTS



New Boston artist J. Jorge Paris will show his work in the exhibit "Looking in, Looking Out," in the Tower Gallery at the New Hampshire Antique Co-op (323 Elm St., Route 101A, Milford) through Nov. 30. The exhibit features a collection of Paris' current work of digital photographic images taken with a microscope or macro lens. "I call the photos made with microscope 'microtondos' because of the circular images made with the microscope lens," he said in a press release. An opening reception will be held on Sunday, Sept. 23, from 1 to 3 p.m. Pictured: "Acorns." Call 673-8499 or visit nhantiquecoop.com.

- **McGowan Fine Art**  
10 Hills Ave., Concord, 225-2515
- **McIninch Gallery at SNHU**  
2500 N. River Road, Manchester, 629-4622
- **Mill Brook Gallery and Sculpture Garden**  
236 Hopkinton Road, Concord, 226-2046  
(by appointment in winter)
- **Millyard Museum**  
200 Bedford St., Manchester, 622-7531
- **Museum of NH History**  
6 Eagle Sq., Concord, 228-6688, nhhistory.org
- **Nashua Library Image Gallery**  
2 Court St., Nashua, 589-4610
- **New Hampshire Institute of Art**  
French Building Gallery, 148 Concord St.; Amherst Street Gallery, 77 Amherst St., Manchester, 836-2573, nhia.edu
- **Red River Theatres Community Gallery**  
11 N. Main St., Concord, 224-4600
- **River Art Studios**  
99 Factory St. Ext., Nashua, 882-1199, riverartstudios.com
- **Rivier College Art Gallery**  
Memorial Hall, 435 S. Main St., Nashua, 897-8276
- **New Hampshire Art Association's Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery**  
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- **S. Grigas Art Studio & Gallery**  
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- **Valley Artisans Artists Gallery**  
10 Gaboro Road, Epsom, 736-8200
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99 Factory St. Ext., Nashua, 595-9500, warmstonestudio.com
- **White Birch Fine Art**  
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## Art events

- **ST. JOSEPH FALL ART RECEPTION** on Thurs., Sept. 13, 5:30-7:30 in the St. Joseph Hospital Atrium (172 Kinsley St., Nashua). Local Art Reach project community open house. Call 889-8299 or visit stjosephhospital.com/Art-Reach.
- **RUSSIAN ICONOGRAPHY: 1,000 YEARS OF TRADITION** on Thurs., Sept. 13, at 7 p.m., at the Kelley Library (234 Main St., Salem). Marina Forbes will use slide show and exhibits to examine the history of icon painting in Russia and discuss the unique multiple nature of the icon as a sacred object. Call 332-2255 or email marina@anylanguage.org.
- **ART FOR THE AGES** special event held in observance of National Assisted Living Week, Sept. 9 through 15, at Bentley Commons in Bedford (66 Hawthorne Drive, Bedford). Featuring artist Paul Laro, whose work will be on display in the "Staff and Resident Art Exhibit" on Thurs., Sept. 13, 3-4 p.m. call 644-2200.
- **PAINT THE TOWN LIVE ART AUCTION** on Fri., Sept.

14, at Kimball Jenkins School of Art (266 N. Main St., Concord). Silent auction and wine cellar raffle at 5:30 p.m., live auction begins at 7 p.m.

- **INSPIRED RECOVERY** Fri., Sept. 14, 6-10 p.m. at the French Building, NHIA (148 Concord St., Manchester). Free event that invites all to experience the journey toward recovery from alcohol and drug addictions through music, spoken word poetry and visual arts. Visit inspiredrecovery.org.

- **ARTISAN FESTIVAL** at Canterbury Shaker Village (288 Shaker Road, Canterbury) on Sat., Sept. 15, and Sun., Sept. 16, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for kids. Call 783-9511 or visit shakers.org.

- **HILLSBOROUGH AREA ARTISTS OPEN STUDIO TOUR** Sat., Sept. 15, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sun., Sept. 16, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit hillsboroughartists.com for map.

- **NH FURNITURE MASTERS ANNUAL AUCTION** Sat., Sept. 22, at 6 p.m., at the Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St., Manchester). The works will be on display at the Currier on Fri., Sept. 21, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sat., Sept. 22, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets \$75 for the auction.

- **GALA PARTY AND ARTS FAIR** Sun., Sept. 23, at 6 p.m., at Concord Auditorium, with ice cream social, arts group networking. Gala variety show begins at 7 p.m., and shows a 90-minute preview of coming attractions. Tickets \$5 at UPS, 75 Main St. Visit theaudi.org or call 225-7474.

- **CONCORD ARTS MARKET** Saturdays through October, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at Bicentennial Square in Concord. Free admission and downtown parking. Visit concordartsmarket.com.

## Exhibit openings

- **COURTNEY BENT** photography exhibit, "Double Exposed" is on display at the Lamont Gallery, Frederick R. Mayer Art Center, Phillips Exeter Academy, through Oct. 20. Artists reception is Fri., Sept. 14, 6:30-8 p.m., followed by a gallery talk on Sat., Sept. 15, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Call 777-3461 or email gallery@exeter.edu.
- **ROSES FROM CONCRETE: ENTREPRENEURSHIP OF URBAN STREET CULTURE** exhibit at Southern NH University McNich Art Gallery (2500 N. River Road, Manchester, 629-4622, snhu.edu/art) Sept. 20 through Oct. 26. Opening reception Thurs., Sept. 20, 5-7 p.m.

## In the galleries

- **"LIKE BREATHING: NATIVE AMERICAN BEADING AND QUILLWORK"** exhibit at Mount Kearsage Indian Museum (18 Highlawn Road, Warner, 456-2600, indianmu-

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• **LINDA HARRIS PAM HANNA** work exhibited in the Peterborough Town Library (2 Concord St., Peterborough, 924-8040) throughout September.  
• **ERIC SANFORD -- PHOTOGRAPHER** exhibit at Discover Gallery in the Millyard Museum (200 Bedford St., Manchester) through Dec. Hours are Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
• **SUZANNE BOLBY YOUNG** of Manchester exhibits her paintings, "Inside Out," through Sept. 28 at UNH Manchester, 400 Commercial St., Manchester. Free. Visit manchester.unh.edu or call 641-4101.

• **CAROL EVANS** work will be shown at the Seacoast Artist Association Gallery (225 Water St., Exeter) through September.  
• **ANNUAL OUTDOOR JURIED SCULPTURE EXHIBIT** at Mill Brook Gallery & Sculpture Garden (236 Hopkinton Road, Concord, 226-2046, themillbrookgallery.com) through Thurs., Oct. 18.

• **"IT'S ALL ABOUT CLAY"** exhibit at the Mill Brook Gallery and Sculpture Garden (236 Hopkinton Road, Concord, themillbrookgallery.com) through Dec. 24. Call 226-2046.

• **"THE SKY IS THE LIMIT"** People's choice reception for the Seacoast Artist Association theme show Thurs., Sept. 20, 4:30-6:30 p.m., at 225 Water St., Exeter. Show runs through Fri., Sept. 28. Call 778-8856 or visit seacoastartist.org.

• **CULTIVATED 2: "BEAUTIFUL MEANINGS IN BEAUTIFUL THINGS"** exhibition featuring work by Dana Coco and Mary Schiavoni at VINO Aromas on Elm Street, Manchester, until the end of September.

• **ART IN THE MILL** rotating exhibit of artwork in the UNH Manchester library (400 Commercial St., Manchester, 641-4101, manchester.unh.edu/campuslife/public-programs/art-mill) presents photographs from Greece and Turkey by NH Institute of Art graduate Elizabeth Ellenwood. Free.

• **DARLENE ROBYN** will showcase Asian-inspired mixed media work at Hatfield Gallery (55 S. Commercial St., Manchester, 627-7560). Gallery hours are Tues.-Fri., 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and Sat., 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

• **ADELAIDE MURPHY TYROL'S** "Prey and Predator" exhibit shows at McGowan Fine Art (10 Hills Ave., Concord), which runs Sept. 4 through Oct. 7. Free. Call 225-2515 or visit mcgowanfineart.com.

• **DOUGLAS HUNTLEY** exhibits at Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua) through October. Call 589-4600. Free.

• **CLAY EXHIBIT** at the Mill Brook Gallery and Sculpture

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The New Hampshire Furniture Masters will hold their fourth annual live auction at the Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester on Saturday, Sept. 22. The auction provides furniture-lovers with the chance to purchase some of the finest handcrafted furniture in the country. This year's event features an array of furniture by 16 masters, one guest artist, three emerging artists and two participants from the Furniture Masters' Prison Outreach program. These works will be on display on Friday, Sept. 21, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, Sept. 22, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.; attire is business casual. Admission is \$75 per person, and the event begins with a gala reception and silent auction, featuring smaller handmade items donated by each participating master. The live auction begins at 7:30 p.m. with auctioneer Stephen Schofield. Visit furnituremasters.org.

Garden (236 Hopkinton Road, Concord, 226-2046) is open through Dec. 24.

• **NEW RETROSPECTIVE WORKS** by Roger Croteau at Hatfield Gallery, 55 S. Commercial St., Manchester, 627-7560. Open Tues., Thurs. and Fri., 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Sat., 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

• **PASTELS** by Nashua artist Pauline Dailey on display in the Image Gallery at the Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua, 589-4610. Free.

• **TRANSFORMATION** Photographic work of David MacEachran and Alicia Bergeron on display at Silver Light Gallery, 28 Main St., Suite 2, Goffstown, 497-4674, silverhillsstudio.com.

### Open calls

• **CALLING ARTISTS** to participate in Friends of the Amherst Library October Art Exhibit, "Celebrating the Harvest." The exhibit runs through October in the library (14 Main St., Amherst). Accepting any medium that shows fall colors, harvests or any autumn scenes. Email sharronapril@gmail.com or call 672-8418.

### Classes/workshops/demonstrations

• **KICKSTART LIGHTROOM** with Rob Sylvan Thursday nights, Sept. 14, Sept. 20 and Oct. 11, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at SOPHA, 15 Merrill St., Manchester. Introductory classes in how to import, process, manage and display images. Tuition is \$229.

### CLASSICAL LISTINGS

#### Concerts

• **"A CELEBRATION OF BROADWAY AND BEYOND"** gala on Fri., Sept. 14, at 6 p.m. at the Bald Peak Colony Club (180 Bald Peak Drive, Moultonborough). Featuring vocalist Jody Ebling. Call 569-2151, visit friendsofsofmusic.org. Tickets are \$85.

• **FACULTY POTPOURRI CONCERT** at the University of New Hampshire Bratton Recital Hall at the Paul Creative Arts Center (30 Academic Way, Durham) on Fri., Sept. 14, at 8 p.m. Free. Call 862-2404.

• **ELLA LIVES** Nanette Perrotte presents "Ella Fitzgerald -- It Don't Mean a Thing" on Sat., Sept. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Old Meeting House of Franconia (One New Boston Road, Franconia). Tickets are \$10.

#### Open calls/workshops/other

• **CONCORD LIGHT OPERA COMPANY** seeks players for Gilbert and Sullivan's *Princess Ida*. Choral performances begin in October and continue weekly for show in March. Auditions are Tues., Sept. 16, at 7 p.m., and Sun., Sept. 23, at 2 p.m., at South Church in Concord.

• **NEW HAMPSHIRE GAY MEN'S CHORUS AUDITIONS** for Winter 2012 15th anniversary concert series, "Colors of Winter," on Tues., Sept. 18, at 6:30 p.m. at Brookside Congregational Church (2013 Elm St., Manchester). Gay and gay-friendly men 18 and older are invited to join. Visit NHGMC.com.





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# INSIDE/OUTSIDE Street slalom surprise

## Skateboarding world is watching Can/Am event

By Cory Francer  
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In New Hampshire, it's not uncommon to see people roaring downhill at speeds close to 30 mph, weaving in and out of obstacles, all while trying to maintain their balance and beat the clock. For the most part, however, these are cold-weather events, when the snow makes for top skiing and snowboarding conditions. In Antrim, they just can't wait for winter.

On the surface, the town's Home and Harvest Festival appears like a typical New England fall fair. There are games, homemade food and music throughout the weekend. But the highlight of the festival is the Antrim Can/Am Slalom Championships, one of the most anticipated yearly events in the sport.

Though the idea is generally the same as freestyle skateboarding — one wooden deck, two trucks and four wheels — this style of skateboarding is nothing like what fans can see in the half pipes and skate parks of the world. These races send skaters flying downhill as they navigate through a series of cones trying to reach the finish line as quickly as possible. That may sound dangerous, and it is, but Dave Kirkpatrick, a racer from Antrim, said these skaters take a lot of pride in their safety precautions.

"This sport is fairly well-known for requiring reasonable protective gear at all times," Kirkpatrick said. "It's fast and it's scary and there will be a wipeout or two, and people will walk away and everything's fine."

Downhill skateboarding was initially brought to the festival in 2005 to try and bring in a younger crowd. Brian Beihl, the former direc-

tor of the Antrim Can/Am and current Home and Harvest Festival committee member, said at first, the committee wanted to bring in a half pipe to put on a display of skateboarding tricks. However, when they realized the cost involved, they decided to go with the less expensive slalom event.

While the races have certainly provided the attendance boost that Beihl was looking for, it hasn't been with the younger audience he expected. Instead, a different type of sports enthusiast was drawn to the races.

"The freestyle skaters are not all that interested in the sport," Beihl said. "It's more of a skiing and slalom snowboard crowd."

Beihl expects around 40 skaters to be participating in this year's three events. The races range in difficulty from the 50-cone tight slalom and 100-cone tight slalom to the 50-cone hybrid. The tight slaloms feature cones in a straight line set 6 feet apart. The hybrid, which Beihl said is the most challenging, varies the distance between cones and has them set sporadically along the course.

As the race has grown and readies for its eighth year, Antrim has become a quiet hotbed of downhill skateboarding talent. Kirkpatrick, who teaches locally, said he has been amazed with how people he would least expect have been able to develop their skills on a skateboard. "It's been kind of fascinating," he said. "I've got some kids who probably would never have even thought of skateboarding."

Beihl said the Home and Harvest Festival is a perfect setting for an event such as this and has been able to grow skateboarding fans where he least expected.



Joe McLaren set the world record in the 100-cone tight slalom at last year's Antrim Can/Am Slalom Championships. Watch the video at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=0DXxCrafVnQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0DXxCrafVnQ). Courtesy photo.

"This is good for the sport [to] get exposed to a crowd that doesn't normally watch skateboarding events," he said.

### Antrim Can/Am Slalom Championships

at the Antrim Home and Harvest Festival  
**When and where:** Festival is Friday, Sept. 14, Saturday, Sept. 15, and Sunday, Sept. 16. Hybrid slalom championships will be held on Summer Street on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Freestyle skateboard competition is Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Memorial Park. Giant slalom competition is Sunday at 9 a.m. on Summer Street.  
**Admission:** Free, but bring money for food.  
**Info:** [www.homeandharvest.org](http://www.homeandharvest.org)

### CHILDREN & TEENS Events

• **OWL THINGS CONSIDERED** at Derry Public Library (64 E. Broadway, Derry), Thurs. Sept. 20, 3:30 p.m. Ages 8-11 can learn all about owls and make an owl craft. No registration is required. Call 432-6140.  
• **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB DAY FOR KIDS** at the Radisson Hotel (700 Elm St., Manchester) on Sat., Sept. 22, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Kids of any age can check out the petting zoo, magic show, pony rides and many other activities. Admission is free. Call 625-5031, ext. 228, or visit [www.begreat-manchester.org](http://www.begreat-manchester.org).  
• **APPLE ART AND STORYTIME** at Derry Public Library (64 E. Broadway, Derry), Sat., Sept. 22, 1:30 p.m. Ages 4-9 are welcome to celebrate the first day

of fall with an apple craft. No registration is required. Call 432-6140.

• **GIRL SCOUT INFORMATION SESSIONS** at SEE Science Center (200 Bedford St., Manchester) on Sun., Sept. 23, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., and Manchester City Library (405 Pine St., Manchester) on Thurs., Sept. 27, from 5:15-6:15 p.m. Learn about Girl Scout Pathways and how to get involved and have Girl Scouts work with your schedule. Registration for Girl Scouts is \$12 for a year. Call 627-4158, ext. 175, email [korlando@girlscoutsgwm.org](mailto:korlando@girlscoutsgwm.org).  
• **FAMILY FUN DAY** at Nashua High School South (36 Riverside St., Nashua) Sat., Sept. 29, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Presented by Lil' Iguana's Children's Safety Foundation. Kids activities throughout the day. Call 881-9805, email [info@liliguanausa.org](mailto:info@liliguanausa.org) or visit [www.liliguanausa.org](http://www.liliguanausa.org). Free event for children and families in Nashua area. Donations accepted.  
• **THE GREAT BABY CRAWL** at Nashua High School South (36 Riverside St., Nashua), Sat., Sept. 29, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Races will be held every half-hour and each baby will receive a T-shirt. Call 881-9805 to register. No cost.  
• **LOVELY LEAVES** at Amoskeag Fishways (4 Fletcher St., Manchester) Wed., Oct. 10, 9:30-11 a.m. and 12:30-2 p.m. Learn about why leaves change colors and make a leaf-related craft. Cost is \$5 with preregistration required. Call 626-3474 or visit [www.amoskeagfishways.org](http://www.amoskeagfishways.org).

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### Ongoing activities

• **AMERICAN GIRL**

**CLUB** at Barnes & Noble, 1741 S. Willow St., Manchester, on the third Wed. of the month, 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. Bring your American Girl doll. Call 668-0022.  
• **CONCORD BOYS & GIRLS CLUB** (55 Bradley St., Concord, 224-1061, [concordkids.org](http://concordkids.org)) offers after-school programs ages 6-18. There are also programs in Suncook and Hopkinton along with fall and winter basketball. Applications for after-school programs are on the website.  
• **CRAFTERNOON** for grades 1 to 8 at Concord Public Library is held once monthly and features a different craft project each month.  
• **CRAFT EXTRAVAGANZA** at the Tucker Free Library (31 Western Ave., Henniker, 428-3471,

[tuckerfreelibrary.org](http://tuckerfreelibrary.org)) every Thursday at 3:15 p.m. for children in kindergarten through second grade.  
• **CREATIVE CRAFT CLASSES** at Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua) Thursdays at 4 p.m. For ages 6-10. Register online at [www.tinyurl.com/nplkid](http://www.tinyurl.com/nplkid) for up to three of six options.  
• **FAMILY PAJAMA TIME** in the meeting room at the Hollis Social Library on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m., all ages welcome. Enjoy stories and snacks.  
• **FIRST FRIENDS PLAY GROUP** (Children's Museum of NH, 6 Washington St., Dover, 742-2002, [childrens-museum.org](http://childrens-museum.org)) runs every Wednesday 9:30-11 a.m. Parents and their children ages 6-24 months are invited to come and play. This drop-in pro-

gram is free for museum members; nonmembers pay regular admission.  
• **FRIDAY AFTERNOON MOVIES** at the West Manchester Community Library, every Friday at 3 p.m. Call 624-6550.  
• **GIRL SCOUTS** of the Green and White Mountains, for girls age 5-17. Make friends, take action, and have new and exciting experiences. See [girlscoutsgwm.org](http://girlscoutsgwm.org) or call 888-474-9686 to find a troop in your area.  
• **GREATER MANCHESTER YMCA** (locations in Manchester, Goffstown, Londonderry and Rochester, [gmfymca.org](http://gmfymca.org)) offers before- and after-school care in all locations along with a School's Out program in Manchester. Rates vary depending on age and location.  
• **GREATER NASHUA**





This week I want to share something I learned recently.

I was on a house call in northern New Hampshire, purchasing items from a long-time collector. She asked if I would be interested in seeing her collection of birthing eggs. I didn't know what she was talking about. I had never heard of these before. She brought me over to a box, and when she opened it there were several of what I would call "a naughty" — these were figures that usually had a woman in a dress on the front and when you turned it over it would expose the back end. I had seen these eggs before (not many, though) but always thought they were a part of the naughty figures.

She told me that these cute little eggs that have a baby on the front and a behind on the back were used during the Victorian era for women in labor. A midwife would give the woman one of these to squeeze, to help ease the pain.

**YMCA** (6 Henry Clay Drive, Merrimack, 881-7778, and 17 Prospect St., Nashua, 882-2011, nmymca.org) offers an after-school program for children in grades 1-6.

• **LEGO CLUB** in the auditorium of the Concord Public Library, second Thursday of each month, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Each month participants will be given a new building challenge; designed for grades K-8. Registration is not required. Call 225-8670.

• **LEGO LEGION** at Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua) on Tuesdays, Oct. 2, 9 and 16, 4 p.m. For kids ages 6-10. Bring your own Legos or use ones provided the library.

• **MANCHESTER BOYS & GIRLS CLUB** (555 Union St., Manchester, 625-5982 or 625-5031, mbgcnh.org) offers and after-school programs in various locations in Manchester, including the Keystone Club and homework help

• **MESSY CRAFT CLUB** at Hollis Social Library (2 Monument Square, Hollis). First Monday of each month at 4 p.m. for grades K-2. After making a messy craft, enjoy a story. Call 465-7721 or visit [www.hollislibrary.org](http://www.hollislibrary.org).

• **MONDAY NIGHT SCRABBLE** Every Monday at the Hollis

Social Library, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the library meeting room. Invite your favorite Scrabble partner to come with you, or meet new opponents. Bring a Scrabble board if you have one.

**Sports**

• **YOUTH CHEERLEADING CLINIC** at the Paul Sweet Oval at UNH (145 Main St., Durham) Sat., Sept. 29, from 9-11 a.m. The program is open to grades 1-8 and costs \$25, which includes admission to the noon football game against Delaware. \$11 family/friend discounted tickets are also available to participants. Call 862-0806, email [Mary.Lerose@unh.edu](mailto:Mary.Lerose@unh.edu) or visit [www.unhwildcats.com/sports/cheer](http://www.unhwildcats.com/sports/cheer).

• **ALL-AGES ARCHERY** with the New England School of Archery and Supplies. Classes are available for ages 7 and older throughout the state; equipment provided. Call 672-2845 or email [nesaine@aol.com](mailto:nesaine@aol.com).

• **AMHERST SOCCER CLUB** (P.O. Box 853, Amherst, [amherst-soccerclub.com](http://amherst-soccerclub.com)) offers soccer programs for children age 3-10. There are also limited spots in boys' and girls' U11-U14 teams. Email [registrar@amherstsoccerclub.com](mailto:registrar@amherstsoccerclub.com).

• **ARCHERY LESSONS** offered

The collector had bought these from the 1970s through the 1980s. She told me that when she would tell people what she was looking for, they never knew what they were, either.

I had to buy the collection, just for the right to share the story with my family and friends. The values on these when purchased were anywhere from \$40 to the \$175 she paid for one that had twin babies in it. It was tough to get her to part with that one, but I appreciated that one the most as well. She told me she had not seen another one since.

I did see a lot of reproductions out there. I also learned that some were painted and some were not. They were all made out of bisque porcelain. And the reason they are shaped like an egg is that if you put an egg in your palm and squeeze it you can't break it. Try it — I did.

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• **BEDFORD BASKETBALL LEAGUE** (P.O. Box 10351, Bedford, 488-1161, [bedfordbl.com](http://bedfordbl.com)) offers recreational teams for boys and girls in grades 2-8 and travel teams for boys and girls in grades 3 to 8 along with boys' and girls' biddy basketball for grades 9-12. Children must try out for travel teams.

• **FIELDHOUSE SPORTS** (12 Tallwood Drive, Bow, 226-4646, [fieldhousesports.com](http://fieldhousesports.com)) offers skills clinics for children 6 and older.

• **MANCHESTER EAST SOCCER LEAGUE** ([mesl.org](http://mesl.org)) has teams from U6 to U19.

• **MANCHESTER NORTH SOCCER LEAGUE** ([mnsl.org](http://mnsl.org)) has teams from U6 to U19.

• **NH GRIZZLIES** AAU baseball program is offering full winter training for 13s. The three-month session will include pitching and hitting during a two-hour weekly practice with former college coaches at a private facility. Slots are limited. Email 37▶

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INSIDE/OUTSIDE THE PLAYGROUND

## Random celebrations

How to turn an average day into something fun

By Rebecca Sherman  
listings@hippopress.com

Now that the kids are in school, try some of these ways to inject some fun into the schedule. You may even start a new tradition.

**National Crème-Filled Donut Day: Sept. 14** It's not hard to find donuts around here, although finding a shop that consistently has crème-filled donuts can be trickier. Heav'nly Donuts makes 35 varieties of donuts, with three New Hampshire locations: 120 Pleasant St., Salem, 912-5067; 134 N. Broadway, Salem, and 44 Route 125, Brentwood, 347-5178. See [www.heavnydonuts.com](http://www.heavnydonuts.com).

**International Talk like a Pirate Day: Sept. 19** For advice on pirate lingo, see [www.talklikeapirate.com](http://www.talklikeapirate.com), though parents be warned: Pirates can be a saucy sort, so preview before your kids do.

**National Checkers Day: Sept. 23** According to Punchbowl.com, this is also known as Dogs in Politics Day and it isn't about the board game. On this day in 1952 vice presidential candidate Richard Nixon gave a popular speech assuring the public that he had not misused campaign funds but that he did intend to keep one gift — his new dog, Checkers. To celebrate with gusto, challenge the family dog to a game of checkers.

**National Pancake Day: Sept. 26** MaryAnn's Diner in Derry can provide your pancakes with a side of politics — in an election year, there's a good chance you may see a politician or two there, shaking hands. Kids can get one Mickey Mouse Pancake for \$1.99 at MaryAnn's, 29 E. Broadway, Derry, 434-5785.

**Library Card Sign-up Month: September** According to the American Library Association's website, this "the most important school supply of all is @ your library — it's your library card." Most libraries are offering books on loan for e-readers, so there really is something for everyone.

**Take Your Teddy Bear to Work Day: Oct. 11** Take your child's teddy to work and snap a few cellphone photos of the stuffed friend at the copy machine, and you'll have what you need to spark a conversation about what Mom or Dad does for a living.

**National Sausage Pizza Day: Oct. 11** Sausage may not be everyone's favorite, but learning how to divide toppings on a pizza and compromise teaches important lessons. For a change from last-minute delivery, go out for something hearty like a pie from 900 Degrees, 50 Dow St., Manchester, 641-0900, where a current special lets dine-in customers buy one Signature pizza and get a second free after 5 p.m. on Tuesdays. See [www.900degrees.com](http://www.900degrees.com).

**National Dictionary Day: Oct. 16** Play



Even the dog gets in on National Checkers Day, a.k.a. National Dogs in Politics Day. Photo by Jeff Stepanik.

the dictionary game: Choose a word most people wouldn't know the definition of and have everyone write down what they think it means on a sheet of paper, then fold the papers and put them in a hat. Read each definition and have everyone vote for the definition they think is closest to correct. Whoever wrote the definition that gets the most votes earns a point.

**National Chocolate Cupcake Day: Oct. 18** Make your own or try a bakery. Cupcakes101 (132 Route 101, Suite A, Bedford, 488-5962, [www.cupcakes101.net](http://www.cupcakes101.net)) has good ol' chocolate as well as specialty cupcakes based on candy bars, like Milky Way, Mounds and Snickers.

**Worldwide Howl at the Moon Night: Oct. 26** The Full Hunter's Moon occurs on Oct. 29, but this is the night for practice.

**National Chocolate Day: Oct. 28** Try Swan Chocolates (436 DW Highway, Merrimack, 423-5950, [www.swanchocolates.com](http://www.swanchocolates.com)) for some non-typical treats, like Caramel Crunch Chocolate Popcorn. Or head to Dancing Lion Chocolate in Manchester (917 Elm St., 625-4043, [www.dancinglion.us](http://www.dancinglion.us)) for a dark drinking chocolate.

**National Roller Skating Month: October** Velcro up and roll around the neighborhood, or get more formal. At Roller Kingdom's Tyngsborough, Mass., location, south of the Pheasant Lane Mall in Nashua at 355 Middlesex Road (978-649-3440, [www.rollerkingdom.drupalgardens.com](http://www.rollerkingdom.drupalgardens.com)), buy a Family Pack for \$35 including skate rental, pizza and soda, for any afternoon session. October is also **National Squirrel Awareness Month** . . . have fun!

For a list of "National" days, see Hallmark Channel's [www.theultimateholidayssite.com](http://www.theultimateholidayssite.com). Dates here also derived from [www.disabled-world.com/disability/awareness](http://www.disabled-world.com/disability/awareness).



Make Music

• Start your **musical journey** at the Concord Community Music School's (23 Wall St., Concord) fall children's open house on Saturday, Sept. 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with instrument demonstrations and presentations, including an instrument petting zoo. Call 228-1196 or visit [www.ccmusic-school.org](http://www.ccmusic-school.org).

• Check out a demonstration class from **Wild Salamander**, a new creative arts center at 30 Ash St., Hollis. On Saturday, Sept. 15, Wild Salamander will be on hand at Hollis Old Home Days providing free demonstration classes for music classes for infants to young children. Call 465-9453 or visit [www.wildsalamander.com](http://www.wildsalamander.com).

• Rock out at **Family Fun Day** at North Main Music (28 Charron Ave., Nashua) on Saturday, Sept. 15, from 1 to 4 p.m. Check out live music from Ryan Brooks Kelly and Sitting Ducks along with raffles and food. Admission is free. Call 505-4282 or visit [www.northmainmusic.com](http://www.northmainmusic.com).

• **Pelham Old Home Day** returns for a 106th year and will feature kids' games, a doll carriage and bike parade and even a pet parade to keep young ones entertained throughout the day. The events take place throughout the day on Saturday, Sept. 15, on the grounds of the First Congregational Church (3 Main St., Pelham). Visit [www.pelhamoldhomeday.org](http://www.pelhamoldhomeday.org).

Enjoy a festival

• Head to MacGregor Park (East Broadway, Derry) for **Derryfest** on Saturday,

Sept. 15. The festivities run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will feature live music, dance and a visit from the Wildlife Encounters Zoo, which showcases exotic animals. Call 437-8232, email [info@derryfest.org](mailto:info@derryfest.org) or visit [www.derryfest.org](http://www.derryfest.org).

• It's **Toddlerfest** at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire (6 Washington St., Dover) beginning Saturday, Sept. 15. Children up to 5 years old can experience music, movement, art and stories designed just for them. Admission to the museum is \$9. Call 742-2002 or visit [www.childrensmuseum.org](http://www.childrensmuseum.org).

Run, dance and relax

• Have fun and help charity at the **Kid's Red Nose Run** at the First Baptist Church (121 Manchester St., Nashua) on Sunday, Sept. 16, benefiting the Anne-Marie House in Hudson. For \$5, kids younger than 9 can register for the Red Nose Run and receive a red clown nose, a goodie bag and a ticket to the Ringling Bros. & Barnum and Bailey Circus. Visit [www.annemariehouse.org/events/5krace](http://www.annemariehouse.org/events/5krace).

• Show off your moves at the **Family Barn Dance** at the High Mowing School (222 Isaac Frye Highway, Wilton) on Friday, Sept. 14, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. No experience is necessary. Call 654-2391 or visit [www.highmowing.org](http://www.highmowing.org).

• Visit the Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua) at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, for open **storytime and a puppet show**. Call 589-4600 or visit [www.nashualibrary.org](http://www.nashualibrary.org).

35 [nhgrizzlies@comcast.net](mailto:nhgrizzlies@comcast.net). See [nhgrizzlies.com](http://nhgrizzlies.com).

• **NH SPORTSPLEX** (68 Technology Drive, Bedford, 641-1313, [nhsportsplex.com](http://nhsportsplex.com)) offers soccer for children 18 months and older (including competitive soccer U8-U16), youth flag football and lacrosse. Call for prices and details.

• **NLP ELITE ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM** Next Level Performance (31 S. Commercial St., Manchester, [nlpspeed.com](http://nlpspeed.com)) offers in classes strength, speed, agility, flexibility and injury prevention for athletes ages 11 and older on Mon., Wed., Thurs. and Fri. Call 627-7500.

• **PRESCHOOL OPEN GYM** at the Green Street Community Center (39 Green St., Concord) for ages 18 months-4 years old and parents. Vari-

ous sports are offered and parent participation is required. The class meets every Tuesday from Sept. 18-Oct. 23 from 9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m. Cost is \$15 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. Call 225-8690 or visit [www.concordnh.gov/recreation](http://www.concordnh.gov/recreation).

• **SOCCER DIVISION I** by Concord Recreation for grades 1-2, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 5-6:15 p.m. Cost is \$54. Open to the public, but space is limited. Call 225-8690 or visit [ci.concord.nh.us/recreation](http://ci.concord.nh.us/recreation).

• **SOCCER DIVISION II** by Concord Recreation for grades 3-4. Games will be played on Tuesday/Thursday and Saturday. Cost is \$54. Open to the public, but space is limited. Call 225-8690 or visit [ci.concord.nh.us/recreation](http://ci.concord.nh.us/recreation).

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• **III GIRLS** by Concord Recreation for grades 5-6. Cost is \$54. Games will be played on Tuesday/Thursday and Saturday. Open to the public, but space is limited. Call 225-8690 or visit [ci.concord.nh.us/recreation](http://ci.concord.nh.us/recreation).

• **SOCCER FUNDAMENTALS** offered by Concord Recreation for ages 4-6 on Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is \$54. Open to Penacook residents. Call 225-8690 or visit [ci.concord.nh.us/recreation](http://ci.concord.nh.us/recreation).

• **SPORTIES FOR SHORTIES** at the Green Street Community Center Gym (39 Green St., Concord). For ages 4-6, but not in first grade. The six-week introduction to sports meets every Tuesday, Sept. 18-Oct. 23, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Call 225-8690 or visit [www.concordnh.gov/recreation](http://www.concordnh.gov/recreation).

• **TRI-TOWN ICE**

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Teen/tween events

• **PLAY DATE NH** invites youth age 12-18 to learn, play and enjoy new card, strategy and board games at area libraries. Semi-professional gaming geeks will be on hand to mentor new players in classic and modern games. See [playdaten.com](http://playdaten.com). Game days are hosted on the second Saturday of each month, noon to 4 p.m., at Rodgers Memorial Library (194 Derry Road, Hudson, [rodgerslibrary.org](http://rodgerslibrary.org), 886-6030).

• **ANIME CLUB** for ages 12-18 at the Hollis Social Library on the last Monday of every month, 2:30-4:15 39 ▶

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INSIDE/OUTSIDE GARDENING GUY

# How long to maturity?

About 12 years, and it's worth it

By Henry Homeyer  
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Several years ago I interviewed the late Tasha Tudor, the reclusive illustrator and author, at her garden in southern Vermont. One question I asked her was, "How long does it take to create a garden?" Her answer, as reported in my book *Organic Gardening (not just) in the Northeast*, was succinct. "It takes twelve years to make a garden. Everything takes time that's worthwhile." I find that fascinating in light of recent visits to the gardens of Susan Weeks, of Lebanon, N.H. Her lovely mature gardens were started around the year 2000, some 12 years ago. And although Susan says they are still a work in progress, hers would make most gardeners ready to sit back and just admire them.

Susan moved into her house in 1995 with the idea that it was her final move: "I knew this was going to be my last home — the canvas I was going to be working on for the next 40 years — or until they drag me out of here." When she moved in, her landscape consisted of a modern white house on a green lawn with just a few trees — a small blue spruce, a white pine and a rug of juniper on either side of the front door. It took her a while to decide what to do, but by 2002 she decided to start planting some trees.

Susan decided to spend her money on trees that were already of fair size — at least 2 inches in caliper (diameter). She knew that she could cut corners and buy from a big box store, but doesn't think it makes sense to do so.

"I believe in buying local. They [locals] know what works here. It might be more expensive, but it works out better for everyone," she told me. Over a few years she had a crab apple, two sugar maples, a Japanese tree lilac and a Japanese red maple installed. She kept them watered, made sure the lawnmower stayed away, and now these trees provide shade and beauty.

A mature woman of relatively small stature, Susan knew that these trees would best be installed by someone else, so she hired E.C. Brown Nursery of Thetford, Vt., to supply the trees and plant them: "As you get older, if you have some heavy work that needs to be done, it makes sense to get somebody to do it for you." That allowed her to work on the perennial gardens she has developed over the past 10 years.

Gardening should be fun and consistent with a gardener's value system. Susan has two adorable old dogs that have grown up in her gardens, and she decided from Day 1 that no chemicals would be used in her gardens — she didn't want to risk harming Zoe and Maggie, her dogs. She fenced in part of the yard so the dogs would have a nice place to lounge around, and trained them to respect the flower beds while allowing them places to dig holes to lie in on hot days. Over the years she has expanded the fencing three times (as her budget allowed, I suppose) and the



Patrinia. Henry Homeyer photo.

4-foot-tall white picket fence now encloses just about all of her property. There is a buffer zone, also planted, between the fence and the street.

Susan started planting perennials, adding the more each year. She has plenty of common flowers: bee balm, hostas, daylilies, iris, and black-eyed Susans. But after a while, she took a four-evening class on gardening and started to get more confidence. She craved more interesting and unusual plants. She tried Canadian burnet (*Sanguisorba canadensis*), great blue lobelia and ligularia. She got things with no common name, like *Persicaria superbum*. Right now she has a tall shade-loving plant with bright yellow flowers that I'd never seen before, one she got from Cider Hill Gardens in Windsor, Vt. It's a *Patrinia* (no common name) and it's not clear if it is a *P. triloba* or a *P. gibbosa*. I must get one.

Susan decided she needed a small water feature and created a little pond about 8 feet long and 3 to 4 feet wide with a pump that shoots a gentle stream of water into the air. She dug the hole herself, lined it with a special rubber liner, and covered the edges with flat stones.

"A weekend project," she said. She put in goldfish — and moved them indoors each winter to keep them alive. She told me that the sound of the bubbler is good for attracting birds. She loves the birds — another good reason for using all organic products.

Over time Susan has introduced flowering shrubs, saying that as one gets older it's important to have lower-maintenance plants. She is moving away from perennials that need to be dug and divided on a regular basis. She has planted weigela, hydrangeas, lilacs, ninebark, fothergilla; blueberry (for fall foliage), beauty bush, viburnum, daphne, Clethra, butterfly bush and others. She has a dog-eared copy of Taylor's *Guide to Shrubs*. Although Susan says she is cutting back, slowing down, I noticed that she had just excavated a new bed outside her fence. She is eyeing a bit of lawn by the street: "Grass — it's just one big perennial. It's okay to dig some up for other perennials." I can't wait to see what happens in her gardens after she retires from her job in a few years.

Henry Homeyer's website is [www.gardening-guy.com](http://www.gardening-guy.com).

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• **ANIME CLUB** for ages 12-17 at Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua, first Tuesday of every month at 4 p.m. Discuss anime or manga series, participate in games and activities, and display your anime sketches in the teen room. Call 589-4612 or visit [tinyurl.com/nplteen](http://tinyurl.com/nplteen).

• **ANIME CLUB** at Manchester City Library, 405 Pine St., Manchester. Meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Open to teens in grades 6-12. Play cards, watch movies, discuss favorite characters, and draw. Call Kate Norton at 624-6550, ext. 335, or email [knorton@manchester.nh.gov](mailto:knorton@manchester.nh.gov) for details

• **ANIME/MANGA CLUB** at Rodgers Memorial Library (194 Derry Road, Hudson) meets on the third Monday of each month at 2:30 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. Call 886-6030.

• **BALLROOM DANCING** for ages 11-19 at Queen City Ballroom, 21 Dow St., Manchester. To sign up, email [qncybalm@aol.com](mailto:qncybalm@aol.com) or call 622-1500. Visit [queencityballroomnh.com](http://queencityballroomnh.com).

• **BLACKOUT POETRY** at the Wadleigh Memorial Library (49 Nashua St., Milford), Tues., Sept. 25, 3:30-4:30. For grades 6-12. Call 673-2408 or e-mail [wadleighya@gmail.com](mailto:wadleighya@gmail.com).

• **BOOK DISCUSSIONS FOR TEENS** at the Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua) on the last Tuesday of the month starting Sept. 25, 4 p.m. Each month will have a theme, but participants can choose the book. Call 589-4610, email [teens@nashualibrary.org](mailto:teens@nashualibrary.org) or visit [www.nashualibrary.org](http://www.nashualibrary.org) or visit [www.tinyurl.com/nplteen](http://www.tinyurl.com/nplteen).

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• **COLLEGE ADMISSION ESSAY** at Derry Public Library (64 E. Broadway, Derry) on Sat., Sept. 29 and Sat. Oct. 27, 1-2:30 p.m. Learn how to craft a strong college application essay. Call 432-6140 or visit [www.derry.lib.nh.us](http://www.derry.lib.nh.us).

• **DR. WHO FAN CLUB** at the Wadleigh Memorial Library (49 Nashua St., Milford), Tues., Oct. 2, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Discussion, snacks and trivia. Call 673-2408 or email [wadleighya@gmail.com](mailto:wadleighya@gmail.com).

• **GEEKS R US ANIME CLUB** for teens at Wadleigh Memorial Library, 49 Nashua St., Milford, meets monthly on Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. in the Keyes Meeting Room. Hang out and discuss your favorite anime or manga series, games and activities. Call 673-2408 or visit [wadleighlibrary.org](http://wadleighlibrary.org).

• **JR. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY** Hollis Social Library, 465-7721, for grades 5 and up, on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 4 p.m. Children can help organize, plan and run special family, children's and summer reading programs. They can earn volunteer hours. Sign up at [hollislibrary.org](http://hollislibrary.org).

• **TEEN ADVISORY BOARD** meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m., at Hollis Social Library, 465-7721, [hollislibrary.org](http://hollislibrary.org). For ages 13-18. Help the library plan programs, choose books and materials for teens, organize outreach, decorate the teen area, eat snacks and hang out with friends. Community service credit will be given.

• **TEEN COOKING CLUB** at Manchester City Library, 405 Pine St., Manchester, meets monthly on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Teens ages 11-18 are welcome to learn the basics of cooking, make their favorite dishes and explore new types of food. All materials will be provided. Club meets in the Winchell Room. Call 624-6550.

• **TEEN WRITERS GROUP** at Derry Public Library (64 E. Broadway, Derry), bi-weekly beginning Wed., Sept. 12. Check calendar for times. Learn about story development and listen to others' stories. Call 432-6140 or visit [www.derry.lib.nh.us](http://www.derry.lib.nh.us).

## Toddler/preschool/baby

• **ULTIMATE PLAY DATE** at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua (47 Grand Ave., Nashua). Free drop-in program offered Tuesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. Preregistration suggested. Call 883-0523, ext. 215, or email [FRCNashuaPrograms@gmail.com](mailto:FRCNashuaPrograms@gmail.com).

## CRAFTS

### Fairs/Exhibits

• **FALL ANTIQUE AND ARTISAN FAIR** at the Goffstown Historical Society (18 Parker Station Road, Goffstown) on Sat., Sept. 22, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Local and regional merchants. Thirty 10- by 12-foot vendor sites available for \$35 each. Events include music, museum tours, storytelling and food. Call 860-3721. Visit [www.goffstownhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.goffstownhistoricalsociety.org).

• **NH FURNITURE MASTERS ANNUAL AUCTION** at the Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St., Manchester). Items will be displayed at the Currier on Fri., Sept. 21, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat., Sept. 22, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The traditional gala and silent auction begins Sept. 22 at 6 p.m. with the live auction at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$75. Visit [www.furnituremasters.org](http://www.furnituremasters.org) or call 898-0242.

## SPORTS & RECREATION

### Biking/races

• **GRANITE STATE WHEELMEN** ([granitestatewheelmen.org](http://granitestatewheelmen.org)) is a recreational biking club offering rides for all levels ages 18+. Rides takes place Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday mornings, as well as Mondays and Wednesdays after work. There are a number of leaders to guide small groups on rides of various distances and speeds on mostly back roads. Must wear a helmet. Call Cathy at 224-0346.

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# Tom and Ray use the dreaded words ‘Mom’s right’



Dear Tom and Ray:  
On a recent visit to my home, my “wonderful” mother expanded her range of “helpful” advice-giving to the manner in which I park my car on my steeply sloped driveway. She was deeply concerned about the order in which I engage park and the emergency brake. She advised me that by placing the car in park first and then engaging the emergency brake, I am sure to ruin the transmission. Her motherly recommendation is, of course, to reverse the order; thereby saving the world. I’ve been unable to find either a confirmation or a denial regarding the proper order for my

parking procedures. Would the brothers be willing to provide a final word on this matter? Thanks. — Lynnay

TOM: Lynnay, we’re going to use the worst four words an adult daughter can hear: Your mother is right.

RAY: Well, her instructions are right. She’s wrong about the severity of the consequences, but she is correct that the preferred parking method on a hill is to deploy the parking brake first, to hold the car in place, and then put the transmission in park, to back up the parking brake.

TOM: Here’s why. Park works by using a ratcheting mechanism called the parking pawl to lock the output shaft of the transmission. Because of the way the differential works, locking the output shaft allows the driven wheels to turn only if they move in opposite directions. So unless the car is being dragged or it slides (which ain’t easy if you’re a car), once it’s in park, it’s not going anywhere.

RAY: But because of the way that ratchet system is designed, if you put the car in park and then it rolls up or down a hill a few feet, the weight of the car ends up resting on the parking pawl, pushing it in tighter than it needs to go.

TOM: Will that ruin your transmission? No. But it can make it hard for you to get the

car OUT of park when you go to drive away. Maybe you’ve even noticed this.

RAY: This is especially true of older cars, where these parts have started to wear out and create “slop,” or in cars that have been parked incorrectly on hills for many years — like yours! Of course, it matters only on steeper hills.

TOM: By applying the parking brake first, you allow the brakes to do the job of holding the wheels in place, so the car doesn’t roll and push the park mechanism to the point where it’s difficult to remove.

RAY: Then, when you drive away, you do the opposite: You take the car out of park first, and then release the parking brake.

TOM: I know this is a tough blow to absorb, Lynnay. But just remember, this could be a completely isolated case of Mom being right, and have no bearing on whether she also was right about your first three husbands.

Dear Tom and Ray:  
My mechanic found a 4-foot-long boa constrictor in my manifold, in Boonton, N.J. It cost me \$310 to get it out. It was barbecued, of course. How the heck did it get in there? — Al  
RAY: Wow. I’m guessing you discovered it because it was affecting your car’s performance. This boa was “constricting” your exhaust, and cutting down on your car’s

power. You probably took in the car and innocently asked your mechanic to see what he could find.

TOM: And I just want to give thanks that I wasn’t the guy who found the snake. I definitely would have hit my head on the underside of the hood as I went screaming and running out of the shop!

RAY: There’s only one realistic way the snake could’ve gotten into the exhaust manifold, Al: by going up the exhaust pipe.

TOM: It’s not easy. There are a lot of baffles and obstructions in the muffler and elsewhere. And there’s a honeycomb in the catalytic converter that would have to be broken or crumbling to allow him to get past it. But if anything could work its way up the exhaust pipe, it would be a snake.

RAY: The only other way is through the intake, but that would require the snake to somehow get into AND out of one of the cylinders through the valves, and that’s highly unlikely — even for a talented snake.

TOM: I’m guessing this was a pet that either escaped or some idiot decided he didn’t want anymore. It’s a shame for everybody. Especially that poor mechanic and the snake.

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◀ 39 all ages and levels of experience. Critical Mass meets at 6 p.m. and the group departs from the parking deck on Factory Street at 6:30 p.m. For more information, Contact CMNashua@gmail.com.

• **NEW ENGLAND MOUNTAIN BIKE ASSOCIATION** offers rides and opportunity to help preserve trails. Look for information on the southern NH chapter at [nemba.org](http://nemba.org).

• **NH CYCLING CLUB** ([nhcyclingclub.com](http://nhcyclingclub.com)) is an organization for people of all ages who want to compete in bike races. Membership costs \$25.

## Runs/running/walks

• **ERICA'S 5K RUN** Sat., Sept. 22, 9 a.m., at Merrimack High School (38 McElwain St., Merrimack) will raise money for Merrimack residents with cancer to help cover expenses that insurance does not cover. Call 262-9299, email [ericasrun@gmail.com](mailto:ericasrun@gmail.com) or visit [www.ericasrun.com](http://www.ericasrun.com).

• **WALK/RUN TO BREAK THE SILENCE** at Greeley Park in Nashua on Sun., Sept. 23, 8:30 a.m. The New Hampshire chapter of the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition presents the 7th annual race to help with education and awareness of ovarian cancer. Call 748-9257 or visit [\[tera.org/newhampshire\]\(http://tera.org/newhampshire\).](http://www.nocc.kin-</a></p>
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• **NAMIWALKS NH** at the NH Hospital Campus (South Fruit St., Concord), Sun., Sept. 30. The walk will serve to raise money for mental illness issues. To register, visit [www.naminh.org](http://www.naminh.org) or email [walks@naminh.org](mailto:walks@naminh.org).

• **MY DOGS ARE BARKING 5K** at the Educational Farm at Joppa Hill (174 Joppa Hill Road, Bedford), Sun., Oct. 7, 9 a.m. The race will benefit the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire. Runners are allowed to race with their dogs. Prior registration is \$20 and \$15 for ages 9-12. Free for kids 8 and younger. \$25 registration on the day of the race. Call 472-5714.

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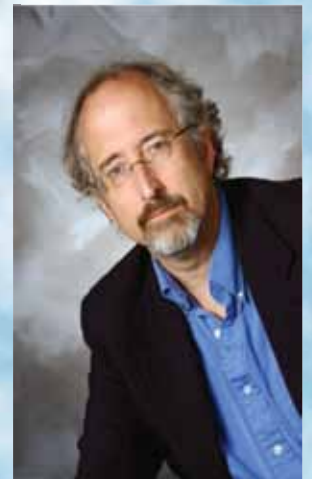
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## Cyclists for health

Thousands of dollars raised in bicycling event

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When Al Cantor signed up last year for Pedaling for Payson, a fundraising bike ride benefiting the Gene Gillis Fund at the Concord Hospital Payson Center for Cancer Care, he was a little intimidated by the ride and the fundraising. Now readying for his second year participating in the ride, he is currently the No. 1 fundraiser, collecting more than \$4,000.

The event, scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 15, is in its seventh year of helping families in need during life's hardest times. The Gene Gillis Fund focuses on providing assistance for patients at the Payson Center with their out-of-pocket expenses. That means gas for the trips to and from the hospital, grocery cards, dietary supplements — just about anything that may get pushed to the side during cancer treatments.

"I'm really into the mission of it," Cantor said. "I think it's very real and very close to the community. This is for folks who are undergoing cancer treatment and their lives are falling apart. This is so they can hold their lives together."

So that bike riders of just about any skill level can participate, there are four distances to choose from. Each ride starts and ends at Elm Brook Park in Hopkinton, but cyclists can choose to complete a 16-, 31-, 56- or 78-mile course.

Jessica Bailey, a Concord Hospital Trust event associate, said the various routes traverse nearby towns including Webster, Sutton and Warner, providing breathtaking views for the cyclists. Once the riders complete the course, Bailey said they are rewarded for their generosity and dedication to the cause.

"We have a barbecue and live entertainment," Bailey said. "We will also offer a beer truck and post-event massage therapists."

At last year's ride, Bailey said, there were approximately 250 cyclists involved in the event, raising about \$60,000 for the fund. About \$100,000 was collected for Payson patients combining the money raised by riders and sponsors.

Sharon Rivard, the co-chair of the Pedaling for Payson Committee, has been involved since the inception of the ride. She said that seeing it develop into a fundraiser of this size and scope since its humble beginnings seven years ago has been both rewarding and inspiring.

"Everyone can make a difference," she said. "Whether it's \$10 or \$10,000, it all makes a difference."

And one of Pedaling for Payson's goals



A cyclist in last year's Pedaling for Payson.  
Courtesy photo.

### Pedaling for Payson

**Where:** Elm Brook Park, Hopkinton

**When:** Saturday, Sept. 15. Registration begins at 6:15 a.m. Rides leave at 7, 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

**Registration fee:** Participants in the 16-mile ride must raise \$50 or pay that amount up front. For the other distances, riders must raise or pay \$100.

**Visit:** [www.pedalingforpayson.org](http://www.pedalingforpayson.org).

in making that difference is making sure the day is fun-filled and the riders remain comfortable. Cantor, who is an avid cyclist, said that as he made his way through the 56-mile course last year, he was well fed throughout the day.

"Most of my riding I do by myself, so this was a lot easier," he said. "And was really a lot easier when every 12 miles, someone was giving out free brownies. I've never had so many brownies and cheeseburgers."

Rivard said participants joke that this is the only bike ride where a participant can gain weight. All that is left over afterward is donated to the Friendly Kitchen.

Throughout the years, Bailey said, the hospital has been collecting feedback and thank you notes received from patients who have been affected by the Gene Gillis fund. Oftentimes, cancer patients are put out of work because of the extensive treatments and illness. With tight finances, purchasing life's necessities becomes even harder when faced with cancer.

Rivard said the fund operates on varying



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levels depending on what the patient needs. While gas cards and gift certificates to grocery stores are some of the more common items, Rivard said one year the fund was able to help purchase school text books for a patient's daughter.

"It's wide open as to what can be covered," Rivard said. "Anything that will lower their stress and help them out and focus on getting better."

While the bicycle ride is the main attraction, Rivard said there are other ways to get involved. In addition to sponsorship and donation opportunities, there is a silent

auction that non-cyclists can participate in, featuring everything from ski packages to gift certificates to local restaurants. All of this can be done by visiting [www.pedaling-forpayson.org](http://www.pedaling-forpayson.org).

As the event continues to grow and expand, Rivard said it has been an honor to have been involved from Day 1.

"It's heartwarming and wonderful to see people having a good time for a good cause," she said. "It's hard to describe — it's inspiring and makes me want to do more."

## ASTRONOMY



Learn all about outer space at the New England Fall Astronomy Festival on Friday, Sept. 21, and Saturday, Sept. 22, at the University of New Hampshire Observatory (Spinney Lane, Durham). This year's event will feature activities for kids and adults, telescope viewing and a keynote address by Dr. Alex Filippenko, who appeared in the History Channel's The Universe series. Pictured: UNH graduate and NASA astronaut Lee Morin giving last year's keynote address.

41 cord Recreation Department. Co-ed league will have games on Sundays, 1-3 p.m., at the Heights Community Center, Concord. Contact the Concord Recreation Department at 225-8690 or [www.onconcord.com/recreation](http://www.onconcord.com/recreation).

• **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE** at Nashua YMCA ([nmymca.org](http://nmymca.org)) for women older than 18 has games Sundays 3:30-5 p.m. Registration is required.

### Other

• **ARCHERY RANGE** at Bear Brook State Park (157 Deerfield Road, Allentown). Managed by NH Fish and Game, there is a woodland archery range and a four-target practice range. Call 485-9874 or visit <http://www.nhstateparks.org/explore/state-parks/bear-brook-state-park.aspx>.

• **WOODLAND ARCHERY COURSE** at Owl Brook Hunter Education Center (387 Perch Pond Road, Holderness), features 14 game targets and a four-target practice range. Visit [www.huntnh.com/Hunting/hunter\\_ed\\_center.htm](http://www.huntnh.com/Hunting/hunter_ed_center.htm).

### YOGA

• **GLOBAL YOGA MALA** at Banyan Tree Yoga (505 W. Hollis St., Suite 106, Nashua) Sun., Sept. 23, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. As part of its one-year anniversary, Banyan Tree Yoga will lead 108 Sun Salutations with donations benefitting the Nashua Yoga for Peace event on Oct. 13. Raffle prizes, free reiki demonstrations and free Thai yoga massage demonstrations will be available. Email [info@banyantreeyoganh.com](mailto:info@banyantreeyoganh.com) or visit [banyantreeyoganh.com](http://banyantreeyoganh.com).

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• **BEGINNER YOGA** at Sharing Yoga in Concord (3 Pleasant St., 2nd floor) Mondays, 6:15 p.m. and Tuesdays, 6 p.m. Eight-week session is \$79.

• **FEEL YOUNG YOGA** Yoga & More (505 W. Hollis St., Suite 106, Nashua, 889-1121, [yogaandmorenh.com](http://yogaandmorenh.com)) on Fridays from 10 to 11 a.m. Drop-in fee is \$15.

• **GENTLE VINYASA** Thurs., 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., at Zaanti Yoga and Meditation Studio, Main St., Wilton, 654-3051, [zaantiyogastudio.com](http://zaantiyogastudio.com). Classes are \$15 drop-in, \$12 with 10-class pass.

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## Tablet tableau

More new devices than ever

By John "jaQ" Andrews  
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Last week, Amazon announced a bunch of new hardware all at once. Pretty much their whole Kindle line got refreshed, e-readers and tablets both. Rumors of a Kindle phone proved false, for now, but the sheer number of new gadgets kind of made up for that.

### E-readers

First off, the most basic Kindle with no touchscreen or nothin' got its price reduced to \$69. It displays ads when it's idle; turning that functionality off costs another sawbuck. Then there's the Kindle Paperwhite, with a higher-contrast display and a light you can turn on for reading in the dark, for \$119. Again, turning off the ads (or "special offers" as Amazon euphemistically calls them) adds \$20 to the price.

Both of those tablets connect to the Internet with Wi-Fi. For a 3G connection on the Paperwhite, you can pay \$179 with special offers or \$199 without. That'll enable you to download books pretty much wherever you are.

### Tablets

Here's where the real fun is. The original Amazon tablet, the 7-inch Kindle Fire, mysteriously sold out at the end of August. What they're now calling just Kindle Fire has twice the memory and costs \$159. The new kid is called Kindle Fire HD, sports a 7-inch touchscreen with 1280x800 resolution and 16GB of storage, and costs \$199. A 32GB version is \$249.

Want a bigger screen? No problem. There's now an 8.9-inch version for \$299. And for \$499, you can add 4G mobile Internet connectivity. That's not free, but pretty cheap: \$49.99 gets you 12 months of 250MB worth of data per month.

All the tablets display special offers when idle. Actual good features include X-Ray, which displays extra information about books

and movies, and FreeTime, a mode that lets kids use the device for customizable amounts of time and without access to purchase anything.

### The competition

There are a million different tablets out there, but few are targeted so directly at media consumers as the Kindle Fire. It's possible that Amazon makes little or no money on hardware sales and makes it up with purchases of books, magazines, movies, and other media. The new 8.9-inch Kindle Fire HD models are clearly going after Apple's iPad, absolutely the tablet to beat in the marketplace. If Apple comes out with a 7.85-inch iPad Mini as rumored, the battle will be fierce.

Google, the driving force behind the Android operating system, announced its own tablet earlier this summer. Called the Nexus 7, it runs the latest version of Android (codenamed Jelly Bean) and will presumably be updated much more quickly than tablets from third parties.

Barnes & Noble is still in the fight as well. Its Nook Tablet still undercuts the Kindle Fire HD a bit on price, at \$179 for an 8GB version; the 16GB model is the same price, \$199. B&N did beat Amazon to market with a frontlit e-reader, the Nook Simple Touch with GlowLight, but its \$139 price tag doesn't seem like such a bargain anymore.

Then there's Kobo. This company wants desperately to be Amazon, and announced new hardware a day before Amazon did. There's the \$79 Kobo Mini, with a 5-inch touchscreen; the \$99 Kobo Touch at 6 inches; the \$129 Kobo Glo, in direct competition with the Kindle Paperwhite and Barnes & Noble's Nook Simple Touch with GlowLight; and the Kobo Arc, their answer to the Fire line. The Arc is a 7-inch tablet, and comes in \$199 8GB and \$249 16GB versions, just like Google's Nexus 7 tablet.

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- 1 teaspoon McCormick's cinnamon
- 1 cup crushed Hannaford Whole Grain 100 Cereal (about 2 cups uncrushed)
- 2 teaspoon butter
- 4 (2-ounce) slices Hannaford Cinnamon Swirl Raisin Bread

#### Directions

- Whisk together yogurt and fruit spread. Set aside.
- Whisk together eggs, eggs whites, milk, cinnamon and vanilla in a shallow dish. Transfer cereal to a separate shallow dish.
- Melt butter in a nonstick skillet or griddle over medium heat. Dip 1 bread slice in egg mixture coating both sides. Let excess drip off. Dredge slice in crushed cereal coating both sides. Shake off any excess. Cook for 2 minutes on each side or until cereal is golden brown and egg is set. Repeat steps with remaining bread slices.
- Cut each slice into 8 bite-sized pieces. Serve with yogurt sauce.

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## Weekly Dish

Notes from the local food scene

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• **36 Delux gone dark:** There's not much going on at 36 Lowell St. in Manchester. 36 Delux appears to have closed, with a sign on the door saying 11 Eleven restaurant will be taking up residence there. 36 Delux opened under chef Matt Provencher in October 2011 and was most recently helmed by executive chef Rich Girard. It opened shortly after the closure of Richard's Bistro, which had operated at the location for 16 years. InTown Manchester's Director of Marketing and Public Relations Sara Beaudry said she had been reaching out to Girard in hopes of getting promotional material for the upcoming Taste of Downtown event on Sept. 12. After exchanging emails with Girard on Monday, Beaudry visited the restaurant to deliver a poster and noticed it closed down. For the event, George's Apparel, who was to host Delux, will instead host The Farm.

• **Fall for IncrediBREW:** Regular hours are flowing once again at IncrediBREW (112 DW Hwy., Nashua, 891-2477, [incredibrew.com](http://incredibrew.com)), open Tuesday through Friday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m., and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The shop is gearing up for the cold with a host of classes, tastings and the like. Its biggest brewfest of the year, Oktoberfest, will include beer brewing and eats from German John's Bakery on two nights: Wednesday, Oct. 10, at 6 p.m. for \$35 including a variety case, or Thursday, Oct. 11, at 6 p.m. for \$60 including two variety cases. Holiday wine ingredients are available now, according to the newsletter. Also look for clone recipes like the Arrogant Brewer, a customer batch modeled after the famous Arrogant Bastard by Stone Brewing Company, \$5.29 per bottle. The clone works out to \$2.29 per bottle using your own glass. Visit [www.incredibrew.com](http://www.incredibrew.com) for reservations and more events.

• **NH Meat processing, onward and upward:** North Haverhill's PT Farm (500 Benton Road, 787-9199) has opened a meat processing plant to handle its own naturally raised beef and pork and that of other local farmers. According to a press release from NH Farm to Restaurant Connection, a lack of access to USDA facilities in the state has been an impediment to the growth of the state's livestock herds, so the modern facility, which is being financed by farm owners Peter and

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# FOOD

## Be Greek for a weekend

The eats are the star at Glendi

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In August, the newsletter from St. George's Cathedral quipped, "Sunday School will begin on Sept. 23. That's the week after Glendi for those of us who use 'Glendi Time' to keep track of the seasons...." The festival, held annually for the last three decades, is named for the Greek word for 'good times.' Sixteen-year event chairman George Copadis said Glendi has grown to become an integral part of the year, regularly attracting 35,000 visitors to St. George's in Manchester and raising around \$270,000.

This year, a portion of proceeds will go to New Horizons soup kitchen.

Before 1980, when it was first dubbed "Glendi," the event was referred to as the Annual Bazaar and was basically a family get-together with a simple menu and dancing. Each successive year it grew larger, Copadis said, and the church found itself adding three walk-in refrigerators, enlarging the kitchen and purchasing new industrial appliances.

"We have well in excess of 200 volunteers, and we are well-prepared and well-organized for the city of Manchester and the state to participate," he said.

The authentic Greek food, especially pastries, is a big part of the draw. Carol Dionis, treasurer of the Anagenesis Ladies Society, said that groups of parishioners have been cooking since June.

"Some recipes are done in small groups, and others take a lot of people. Spanakopita, which is popular, is a big prep day, but they are a lot of fun. We listen to music and have a big lunch together," Dionis said.

Church volunteers have been preparing a menu of Greek comfort food for the dining

tent. Lamb, chicken and meatballs all go Greek with blends of seasonings and home-made ingredients such as tomato sauce.

Loukamades have their own table under the tent. A true fair food done the Greek way, loukoumades are fried dough soaked in syrup, then sprinkled with cinnamon and powdered sugar. Other finger desserts for sale are butter-based koulourakia, twist cookies with a hint of vanilla; honey-dipped finikia cookies topped with walnuts, and simpler kourambeithes, which are also butter-based and topped with powdered sugar.

A lot of pastry items use flakier filo dough. For baklava, the dough is buttered and encases walnuts and honey. Filo is shredded and then baked with a blend of walnuts and syrup to make kataifi.

"The volunteers are focused in the kitchen. I have been doing it for less than 10 years, but some women are in their 80s and 90s, they've been here since the event began. They inspire us," Dionis said.

"Generation to generation, people are working to keep up tradition," Copadis said.

Two years ago, the event added a Taverna selling Greek wine and beer as well as American beverages.

Dionis will put on cooking demonstrations, two on Friday and three on Saturday. Last year she did dolmathes; this year she's



Parishioners barbecuing lamb kabobs at Glendi. Courtesy photo.

baking spanakopita. "It's another inroad to the culture, a recipe we can share with people. They can come out for some authentic Greek food we've put our blood, sweat and tears into and enjoy it, then take some home," Dionis said.

Take-out food is available, too. So are imported Greek gifts. Souvenir booths will be selling wares like jewelry, clothing and blankets, Glendi memorabilia, religious icons and books on the history of Greek people and culture.

"We want people to be able to say, 'Today I'm gonna be as Greek as any Greek that belongs to the church,'" Copadis said. Church tours of St. George's, which anchors the event and the Greek community, are popular. Live entertainment will be provided by DJ Meiti, Boston Lykeion Ellinidon, and Kostas Taslis and his Orchestra.



### Baklava

The official Glendi recipe, courtesy of St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral

4 cups (1 pound) walnuts  
½ cup sugar  
2 teaspoons cinnamon  
1 tsp. grated orange peel  
28 sheets phyllo (8½ x 12½ inches – about ¾ lb.)  
1¼ cup butter or margarine, melted

Honey Orange Syrup:  
1 cup honey  
¾ cup granulated sugar  
2/3 cup orange juice  
1 stick cinnamon  
1 tablespoon lemon juice

Grind, grate or finely chop walnuts. Mix walnuts with sugar, cinnamon, orange and lemon peels. Cut phyllo to fit 9 x 13-inch pan. Cover with plastic film or damp cloth while working to prevent drying. Brush bottom of pan with melted butter. Place one sheet of phyllo on pan and brush with butter. Cover with second sheet and brush with butter. Repeat, making layer of five sheets on bottom of pastry. Sprinkle with ¾ cup walnut mixture, patting into even layer. Cover with three sheets of phyllo, brushing each with butter. Repeat layers until filling is used (should be about seven layers of filling). Top with five layers of phyllo, buttering each as before. With sharp knife or razor blade, carefully cut lengthwise through top layers of phyllo, making five strips. Make a second row of cuts on the diagonal, forming diamonds. Bake above in center of oven, preheated to 325 degrees for one hour or until golden brown. Meanwhile prepare and cool Honey Orange Syrup. Let baklava stand about 10 minutes, then spoon cold syrup over hot baklava. Let stand overnight to absorb syrup before serving. Makes about 20 pieces.

Honey orange syrup: Combine honey, sugar, orange juice and cinnamon. Heat to a full rolling boil, stirring until sugar dissolves. Remove from heat and stir in lemon juice. Cool thoroughly before spooning over pastry. Remove cinnamon stick when cold.



# Sauce with fun flavors

Homemade King's goes with everything

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King's BBQ Sauces is a sweet, tangy family affair.

It's also chocolatey, orangey, caramely and root beery. Owners Tom and Vicky Cleveland's left-field flavor selections are inspired twists on an original recipe developed over 10 years of backyard barbecuing. When Tom's grandfather tasted the sauce at a party, he coaxed the two to go into business.

In February, after nearly two years of planning and, according to Vicky Cleveland, some funding help from Tom's grandfather (he sold a vintage Hot Wheels set), they began the business. Now they sell their sauces at several area stores and farmers markets, which Vicky said is one of the best ways to get customers.

"People come here after going to the meat guys," Vicky Cleveland said in her backyard, beside a garden and horseshoe pit. Those are two perfect emblems of the company: a place where one gets natural ingredients, and an area where everyone gathers around.

The ingredients in King's sauces are about 80 percent local (including herbs from their garden), she said, and their inspiration comes from family.

After they started the business, Vicky convinced Tom to infuse caramel, a favorite food from her childhood, into a sauce. Vicky says it tastes like Sugar Daddy's candy and has a sweetness similar to that of their chocolate barbecue sauce, which uses real chocolate and has a smoky finish. Experiments on that began after their son Michael suggested it.

Vicky's brother-in-law is an Italian chef and planted the idea for an orange-flavored sauce, which the Clevelands now sell too — the original recipe bottled with orange zest. It's good with chicken, she said.

Vicky's sister brought home root liquor — which is essentially a pre-Prohibition root beer made from birch bark, sarsaparilla and sassafras — from a wine distributor, and to Vicky it tasted like dirt. But after being boiled down, it became the essence of root beer-flavored barbecue sauce.

"Kids are picky," Vicky Cleveland said, "but they are off the wall about the root beer sauce. Children enjoy trying it. I like having the try-before-you-buy setup and seeing people's faces."

Family influence is in the spiciness too. According to Vicky, family members with stomach problems were unable to enjoy the sauce, so the Clevelands introduced a liquid capsaicin that gives the sauce the "heat



Tom Cleveland experiments with barbecue sauce. Courtesy photo.

without the irritation," she said.

Cleveland said sauces are a unique niche product to find at a farmers market and with all the various recipes, ingredients and flavors, sauce sellers complement each other. Artisan sauce makers are showing up more and more at farmers markets, Vicky said, and they aren't stepping on one another's toes.

During the half-year the Clevelands have been in business, they've used their house for storage, but they are looking into warehouse space as demand increases. They rent a commercial kitchen in Chester for their sauce experiments. According to Vicky Cleveland, those experiments are getting more and more creative. The popularity of the orange-flavored sauce has spurred them to try making blueberry mango and peach bourbon sauces.

"We want to try apple, too, now that the Macs are in season. It's important [that] there is a balance of acidity and sweetness," she said.

Dry rubs, liquid marinades and even butter toffee sauces, which Tom is attempting to flavor-match to the variety used on Trails End popcorn, Vicky said, are coming in the future. Spaghetti sauce, which she said was a harder market to crack, has been discussed, as well. They continue to develop barbecue sauces.

"People have asked about a s'mores one. ... I've actually poured barbecue sauce on s'mores before ... it could be a flavor," she said.

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## FOOD

# Who's making dinner

'Joy through meals' is personal chef's goal

By Luke Steere  
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Chef Sarah Robinson's Forever Feasting is a restaurant without walls. It does have a kitchen, though: yours.

Robinson began the business as one of several in-home chef services in New Hampshire last November. Serving families in the Concord and Manchester areas, Robinson offers palate- and diet-specific meals to anyone who orders them. Clientele is plentiful, and she said she was "absolutely startled" at the response to the business.

A family in Merrimack has four dinners and lunches prepared for them at the beginning of each week, labeled and stored for a no-hassle work week. One handicapped client is unable to cook for herself; Robinson prepares a month's worth of meals for her.

Meals for important dinners and private functions are handled hassle-free. The host helps to plan the menu, and then Robinson does the shopping, cooking, presentation, serving and cleaning the dishes, while the host socializes with guests.

"After I leave, the only way you know I was there is it smells like someone was cooking," Robinson said.

Robinson provides her own cookware, though some clients request she use theirs.

A typical family of four having dinners Monday through Friday would pay Forever Feasting about \$325 for groceries, time expenses and food preparation, Robinson said. Such pricing is competitive, she said, when factoring in driving, wait times or the cost of a babysitter for a night out.

Conferencing with her customers beforehand helps her design meals appropriate for high blood pressure, dietary restrictions or, more commonly, a desire to get away from processed foods.

"Sometimes people are eating at really difficult points in their days and they don't care what food it is. That's when we tend to make decisions that aren't as healthy as they should be. The unhealthy stuff is what we crave as human beings," she said.

A mother in Hollis who was diagnosed with celiac disease had been cooking for her family, Robinson said, and then preparing a gluten-free dish for herself. "Food is meant to be shared. I worked on how to take gluten out of a meal for them and make it feel like they weren't missing anything at all," she said.

She passes recipes on to her clients, too. Talking shop about food and cooking is joyous for her, Robinson said, and the clients help her too. Each client presents a new set of obstacles before she arrives at a menu, and with each new menu she is building up her repertoire.



**Chef Sarah Robinson.** Courtesy photo.

"This time of year, a lot of people I know are having babies. ... I have a lot of response to new-mother menus," she said. Gift certificates for her services have been given as baby shower gifts, supplying weeks' worth of meals or items that can be frozen.

Robinson says she chooses to read herself to sleep with Culinary Institute of Arts textbooks.

"I've always been one of those food nerds ... passionate about cooking. My mom was a self-taught gourmet who taught not only should you be able to feed yourself, but feed others, as well," Robinson said.

Jobs in writing (full disclosure: Robinson used to write for the Hippo, as Sarah LaPlante) and marketing gave her a network of food connections. Robinson wanted to open a restaurant, so she sought out a friend who did catering in Portsmouth.

"He took me under his wing and gave me a very intensive course in how to run a large-scale kitchen," she said, but opening a restaurant is no easy thing. She turned to the American Personal & Private Chef Association, a San Diego-based group that trains personal and private chefs.

A restaurant may be in the future, but for now Robinson is building a base of regulars. She "loves living and being a part of the business community" in the Concord area. Herbs and vegetables in her dishes are more than likely from her backyard. She also raises chickens.

"I see my job as helping people achieve joy through meals. If you're not crazy excited about your food, you probably want to examine how you're eating," she said.

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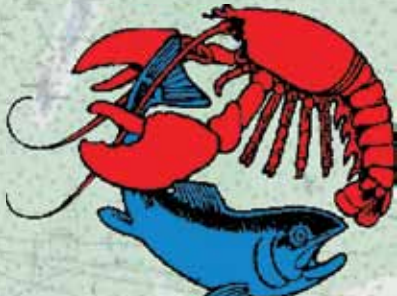


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## FOOD

# This sauce is hot

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By Luke Steere  
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Jehu Hot sauces "complement by contrasting," says company co-owner Pete Andreasen. He and his wife, Irina, are using fruits along with peppers to bring a subtlety to their sauce.

The Andreasens started the company in January. As a fan of hot foods, Pete found he had an abundance of the chili peppers he was growing behind his Laconia home. For years, he had been experimenting with sauces for entertaining guests and wrapping up for gifts, and he decided to bottle them for retail.

"We had no idea what the response would be, but business seemed to pick up quick," Pete Andreasen said.

At their first farmers market, in Tilton, they sold 72 bottles. Pete attributed it to the market's large draw, but they've since expanded to 20 stores and farmers markets in Derry, Canterbury, Laconia, Newport and Concord. Shoppers who enjoy hot sauce on their foods, he said, stock up at the markets; these repeat customers are why business is so good.

Fruit-pepper clashes are not new. Pete said the inspiration came from mango salsa, a common supermarket find.

"The salsa gave me the idea of peppers and fruit together. I decided to turn [the salsa] into food-based hot sauce," he said. Andreasen aims to keep the flavor in the front and the kick coming in behind, in varieties like Mad Mango, Smoked Apple and Pineapple Sunrise.

The "Downtown" sauce is basic, akin to a barbecue or steak sauce but featuring grapes, prunes and apple cider vinegar. A hotter version is available, called Bike Week. The Smoky Tom, features a tomato-chipotle combination for a smoky kick.

The name "Jehu" comes from a story in the Old Testament: Jehu is an Israeli king who kills Jehoram, his predecessor, in the city-fortress of Jezreel after a furious chariot drive with a small band.

"It's an interesting story of vengeance. Members of the House of Ahab knew he was coming and the chariot was driving furiously. We wanted to identify with that furiousness," Pete Andreasen said.



Irina Andreasen at the Jehu booth in Canterbury. Courtesy photo.

After the company started, Irina began taking classes in nutrition and holistic studies. She compiles health information and recipes into a monthly newsletter.

"Before we started the company, we shifted toward a whole foods-based diet for our family. This is a way to share it," Irina said.

Although the farmers markets have been a good jumping-off point, the Andreasens are aiming for something bigger. They are in talks with local Shaw's, Hannaford and Price Chopper supermarket managers to carry their products. Also in the air is a deal with a Vermont-based exporter, Pete said, who is interested in selling Jehu sauces in Asia.

"Jehu has no place to go but up, but we are pursuing strategic goals, not just trying to get it everywhere," Irina said.

"We aren't in Manchester yet, but we'd love to be," Pete Andreasen said.

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Tara Roy, is a significant development. The newer plant is more efficient than the farm's former facility in St. Johnsbury, Vt. A major challenge when it comes to the Farm to Restaurant connection is finding local sources of beef and pork, the release said, and the Roys are also planning to deliver to customers in the north of New Hampshire and down the Interstate 93 corridor to the Manchester and Nashua areas, giving these restaurants "access to steady supplies of high quality locally raised meat at approachable pricing." Visit [www.newenglandmeat.com/about](http://www.newenglandmeat.com/about).

### • Orange you happy we said beer?

The British Beer Co. (1071 S. Willow St., Manchester) is hosting Pumpkin Week from Sept. 17 through Sept. 23. The Plymouth-based chain is expanding its Pumpkin Fest events over an entire week, with pumpkin-inspired menus and with pumpkin beers. Each British Beer Co. restaurant will feature anywhere from four to eight beers on tap in addition to meals that inspire pairings. Dishes include the pumpkin jalapeno bacon ale bisque, an open-face short rib sandwich slow braised in Shipyard Pumpkinhead Ale, and a pomegranate salad with roasted cuts of fresh local pumpkin, pumpkin spice and brown sugar served with crumbled Feta cheese finished with pumpkin seeds and a pumpkin IPA dressing. Both Dogfish Head Punkin Ale and Shipyard Pumpkinhead Ale will be available while supplies last along with Harpoon

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• **Drugs may mean bugs:** After a new Trader Joe's opened in Portsmouth on Sept. 7 it became a focus of the Consumers Union's Meat Without Drugs campaign, an effort to stem the use of antibiotics in raising meat and poultry. The group has asked Trader Joe's to sell only meat and poultry raised without antibiotics and has gathered more than 400,000 signatures on a petition, according to a press release from the Consumers Union. Antibiotics are used on farm animals to kill off bugs that flourish in crowded and unsanitary conditions, but overuse can allow dangerous new superbugs to thrive, ones that aren't affected by antibiotics. These can spread beyond the farms, the release said. Consumers Union efforts have been focused on Congress and the FDA, but now they are calling on grocery stores to join the fight, starting with Trader Joe's. Currently, Whole Foods is the only supermarket to carry the antibiotic-free products exclusively, according to a Consumer Reports investigation, the release said, though Trader Joe's already offers much of its chicken and beef raised without antibiotics.

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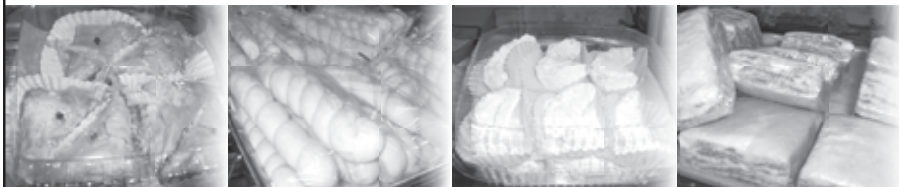
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# Summer lessons

Labor Day is behind us, which means the dog days of summer are creeping away. While it's sad to say goodbye to summer, the fall brings its share of excitement. In my life, the coming months will be filled with change and new beginnings, and I'm thrilled for all that lies ahead. Before I get ahead of myself, however, I think it's important to take a look back at this past season. This way, I learn from what I experienced and get one last chance to savor the wonders of summer. Here are three of the lessons I learned this summer with regard to food ... and life, I suppose.

**1. Farmers markets are amazing.** I've known this for a while but, for some reason, this fact really hit me this summer. Whether it was coming across a vegetable I'd never seen or getting interesting tips from local farmers, these markets inspired me and brought me out of my comfort zone. To see the dedication with which people grow and harvest their food was amazing. Oh, and they all live within miles of me! Farming is not something happening in a faraway land but something that is local to me. As in, "Why don't I know more about this and support these farms all the time instead of just in the summer?!"

**2. Simple is best.** I'm a firm believer in this one, and this summer confirmed it. Find amazing, fresh ingredients and do something simple with them. When using fresh, local and perishable ingredients, make the food, rather than the preparation, the focal point.

**3. Always grill. Always.** Summer is hot. Grills are outside and not inside your kitchen, heating everything and everyone up when they're on. Most things that can be baked or broiled can also be grilled. Pizza, meat, potatoes, vegetables — you name it, I've grilled it! Check out my simple and easy recipe for grilled fingerling potatoes below.

My guess is that you have your own list of summer lessons. Let's bid adieu to the gorgeous New Hampshire summer we had and



Fingerling potatoes on the grill.  
Allison Willson Dudas photo.

## Grilled Fingerling Potatoes

*Serves 4 as a side*

1 pound fingerling potatoes (from my local farmers market)  
4 tablespoons light olive oil  
spices and seasonings — choose one, none or all: garlic, sage, rosemary, thyme, parsley  
salt & pepper to taste  
¼ cup shredded romano cheese (optional)  
Heat a large pot of salted water to a boil, and blanch potatoes for about 5 to 8 minutes. They should still be firm but a toothpick should be able to penetrate them. Remove them from the water and slice in half, lengthwise.  
In large bowl, mix olive oil and all desired spices together, bathing the potatoes in the mixture. Create a makeshift tray using tin foil or, if you have one, use a grated tray over the grill. Place the potatoes in your tray over medium/high heat, flipping half-way through, for about 25 minutes total. Watch carefully. If adding cheese, wait until potatoes are almost finished, and sprinkle over top. Serve warm alongside your favorite grilled vegetables and meat.

make some fingerling potatoes on the grill!  
—Allison Willson Dudas

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**FOOD** FROM THE PANTRY

# Canned pumpkin

As the grocery stores begin their annual stockpiling of everything pumpkin, I've started experimenting with new ways to use the traditional ingredient. This recipe for Baked Pumpkin and Sausage Rigatoni is comfort food at its finest — a blending of fall flavors and spices topped with a crisp crust and decadent cheeses.

The surprising star of this dish is pumpkin, not an ingredient I typically pair with pasta of any sort. But since it's easy to stock up on this time of year, I like to keep a few cans handy for when I stumble upon unique recipes.

According to my new favorite fall website, [allaboutpumpkins.com](http://allaboutpumpkins.com), the word "pumpkin" originated from the Greek word "pepon," meaning large melon. It's thought that pumpkins grew first in the ancient Americas, but they were not the traditional orange globes we pick from the patch today. Grown along ancient river banks and creek beds, the pumpkins twisted in the crooked neck variety along with other seeded treats like sunflowers and beans. It wasn't until the introduction of corn and corn fields that pumpkins became a more domesticated vegetable, growing in the fields alongside squash, corn and beans.

Pumpkin was used as a sustainable food source for centuries in the Americas. With more knowledge of the food today, we know that its bright orange color only hints at the nutrients inside. The University of Illinois Extension, on its website [Illinois.edu](http://Illinois.edu), notes that pumpkins are loaded with beta-carotene, which the body converts into vitamin A. The university goes on to point



Lauren Mifsud photo.

out health benefits of diets rich in beta-carotene: reduced risk of developing certain cancers, protection against heart disease and protection against some degenerative aspects of aging.

One cup of cooked pumpkin (the fresh kind) has only 49 calories, 3 grams of dietary fiber and 564 milligrams of potassium.

The light pumpkin, sausage and cheese sauce is utterly decadent. Topped with an extra sprinkle of the upcoming season (nutmeg and pumpkin pie spice) and a dash of salty cheese, this dish will have you running back for more and right into autumn.

—Lauren Mifsud

## Baked Pumpkin and Sausage Rigatoni

Recipe from Family Circle

4 links (12 ounces) uncooked, hot Italian sausage, casing removed

1 tablespoon chopped fresh sage

1 can (29 ounces) solid-pack pumpkin

1½ cups 1-percent milk

4 ounces Neufchatel cheese, softened

2 egg yolks, beaten

1 cup plus 2 tablespoon grated Asiago cheese

¼ teaspoon nutmeg

¾ teaspoon pumpkin pie spice

½ teaspoon salt

1 pound mezz rigatoni

1/3 cup panko bread crumbs

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil.

Add sausage to a large skillet set over medium heat. Cook 8 to 10 minutes or until browned, breaking apart with a wooden spoon. Stir in sage, and cook 1 minute. Remove with a slotted spoon; set aside. Pour off and discard drippings.

In same skillet, whisk pumpkin, milk, Neufchatel, egg yolks, 1 cup Asiago, nutmeg, pumpkin pie spice and salt. Stir over medium heat until cheeses are melted.

Meanwhile, cook rigatoni for 1 minute less than cooking instructions on package. Drain, reserving 1 cup of pasta water. Return pasta to pot, stirring in sausage, pumpkin mixture and reserved pasta water. Mix well to combine. Transfer to a 13x9-inch dish and top with panko and remaining Asiago cheese.

Bake at 350 for 20 minutes. Turn broiler on high and broil 1 to 2 minutes or until top is lightly browned.

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# Apples

Apples are the most basic of fruit. They are sweet and juicy and convenient, but kind of pedestrian. Nothing particularly special, right?

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This bounty of choices, however, can create confusion. There are green apples, red apples, orange apples, and yellow apples. Some are soft, some are crisp, some are sweet, some are tart. How on earth can one decide which are best for use in baking?

I don't have all the answers, but here are a few guidelines.

Let's start with that old standby, the Red Delicious. Raw, it is mealy, grainy and bland. Cooked, it is mushy, watery and bland. Avoid it.

Next up: the McIntosh. It is juicy, lightly tart, and breaks down easily when cooked. My aunt, who makes a legendary apple pie, swears by Macs for her baking; other experts recommend combining McIntosh with a firmer, tarter apple for a more complex taste and texture.

Which brings us to the Ginger Gold, my new apple obsession. One of the first apples of the season, this boasts a light greenish-yellow skin, a crisp texture and a complex sweet-tart flavor. A Ginger Gold makes an excellent snack and a fantastic baking apple.

Other good choices for baking include firm and sweet Gala apples; tender, lightly tart Cortlands; spicy-sweet Braeburns, and pleasantly sour Granny Smith apples.

If you get bored with these more easily available varieties, try hunting down heirloom apples at a local orchard. Heirlooms offer charming names — Esopus Spitzenberg Ashmead's Kernel, Hubbardston Nonesuch — and unexpected flavors that can add intriguing dimension to your baked goods.



For my baking this week, I stuck with my new favorite, the Ginger Gold. The brownies come out moist and warmly spiced and compellingly delicious. If I hadn't intervened, my husband would have devoured the whole pan before I had a chance to get a photo. Enjoy. —Sarah Shemkus

**Apple Brownies**

*This recipe was passed on to me by a friend who got it from The Apple Lover's Cookbook.*

1 cup flour  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
½ teaspoon baking powder  
½ teaspoon salt  
¼ teaspoon baking soda  
8 tablespoons salted butter, melted and cooled  
1 cup granulated sugar  
1 large egg  
½ cup chopped walnuts  
2 large firm-sweet apples, peeled, cored and cut into ½ -inch cubes

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Generously grease an 11"-by-7" baking dish (or, for slightly thicker brownies, an 8"-by-8" dish) with butter.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, cinnamon, baking powder, salt and baking soda. Set aside. Beat together the butter, sugar and egg. Add the walnuts and apples and stir by hand until combined. Add the flour mixture, and stir until combined.

Spread the batter into the prepared pan, and bake until golden brown and lightly firm to the touch, 40 to 50 minutes. Let cool 30 min.

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## DRINK

# Red, white and green

A lot of wine, a little cash

With the start of fall, we decided to head back to our white and red pairings. This week we chose a California chardonnay and an Oregon pinot noir.

Our first wine was the **2009 Chateau St. Jean Single Vineyard Robbery Young Vineyard Chardonnay** from Alexander Valley in northern Sonoma County (\$14.99). This is a wine that sells for \$25 on the winery's website, though they are out of stock. The color of this wine is pale yellow with a silver cast to it. On the nose we smelled citrus, vanilla and pineapple. We couldn't find out the amount of new French oak used in barreling this wine, but guess that it was close to 50 percent. For flavors we found citrus, green apple and a creaminess. This had a nice full-mouth feel to it that reflected the use of new French oak. We thought this would go well with chicken or salmon.

Our second wine was a **2009 Firesteed Pinot Noir from Oregon** (\$11.99). The color of this wine was a dusty rose to light ruby — very much on the lighter side of pinot. For a nose we found strawberry and ripe cherry. Because this pinot comes from a colder climate that some of the Califor-



nia pinots, it's a bit lighter and has more acidity (more dry). It's more in the French style of pinots from Burgundy, which like Oregon is a bit cooler and wetter. For flavors we found cherry and a nice complexity of tobacco and cocoa with a bit of tannins. Though there is some fruit to this wine, it's more on the dry side and would work well

with turkey, chicken or salmon.

Each week in "Red, White & Green," two wine-lovers look at red and white wines, none over \$20 (and most under \$15), in an attempt to find some great bottles for good prices. All prices are according to the state liquor store ([nh.liquor.state.nh.us](http://nh.liquor.state.nh.us)) unless otherwise stated.

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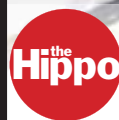
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## GRIZZLY BEAR, SHIELDS WARP RECORDS, SEPT. 18



*Veckatimest's* "Two Weeks" was an awesome song, its Beach Boys ideas spiraling upward to carpet-bomb the land with that massive hook, so who wouldn't want to see them try that again? And they do, this time finding success without relying on as much Beach Boys — "Yet Again" is Belle & Sebastian on a mild steroid, "Sleeping Ute" and "Speak in Rounds" immerse you in woozy Radiohead-vs.-Frampton semi-rockouts. "Gun Shy" is the knuckleball, waiting-room dentist-rock that had me expecting the slide guitar from Gerry Rafferty's '70s song "Right Down The Line" to pop in at any second. I can't picture any normal person rushing to the record store upon knowing all this, but there it is for you. **A-** —Eric W. Saeger

## OUTLAWS, IT'S ABOUT PRIDE ROCKET SCIENCE VENTURES, SEPT. 25



You know this well-preserved bunch of dung-kickers from the singles "Ghost Riders in the Sky" and "Green Grass and High Tides," the latter of which was on one of my very first mixtapes when I was knee-high to a tree-climbin' gator, or however you say it. They've been touring recently with Lynyrd Skynyrd and whatever wreckage is left of the Doobie Brothers; the closest the tour came to "these here parts" was Connecticut. Been a while since the band released anything new, 1994 to be exact; they were pretty huge, so I assume there are interesting-enough excuses for the absence, stories about Lamborghinis getting drunkenly smashed into circus elephants or whatever, but I don't even want to know or talk about it, as at this point we're running out of space to talk about the music itself (yes, there's a point to all this). On that score, it's business as usual; the band is as much Statler Brothers as Allmans, no change from their longtime karmic assignment as the unapologetically country-fied band that made sure Skynyrd kept it real. Guitarist Henry Paul is still whaling on his leads, some of which rival the best of Dicky Betts (the guitar sound itself is identical). Paul's old and stubborn about listening to new stuff, of course, so this LP has an unintentional Trivial Pursuit drinking game involving micro-flourishes from dentist-office favorites ("Tom Petty! Drink! Woop – Survivor! Drink!"), but whatever, new-jack kids who love '70s stuff would freak over this album. **A-** —Eric W. Saeger

## PLAYLIST

### An Abridged Compendium of Recent & Future Releases

- Start your engines, it's holiday shopping **RIGHT THIS MINUTE**. **Pink**, who was cleverly named after her hair color, kicks off the record companies' big Xmas-hanna-kwaanza buying season with her new LP, *The Truth About Love*, streeting on Tuesday. This album contains a single you may have heard, "Blow Me Another Kiss," except its actual title has these totally clever parentheses added, so that it cannot be listed correctly in newspapers that can be easily obtained by 12-year-old boys. It's a good song for what it is: loud, screamy, over-the-top hook-pop with the same backbeat as "Girls Just Want To Have Fun," and bonus: lots of swears. Swears indicate rebellion, which obviously means that Pink is a rebellious pop star, for rebels.

- If you have nothing against good music personally, you can be psyched for a new **Killers** album, namely *Battle Born*, which will be out next week. The first single is "Runaways," which sort of makes me think of Paul McCartney's "Silly Love Songs," from around the time the pyramids of Egypt were getting their plumbing installed by the pharaoh's men. So, our score so far in our Holiday-shop-a-ganza kickoff weekend is: two edgy rock albums led off by songs inspired by singles from the dawn of civilization. I just can't wait to see what else we have here.

- Wait, it's a new **Band of Horses** album, called *Mirage Rock*, also due Tuesday. Includes the song "Knock Knock," which comes off like Neil Young after listening to too many Trail of Dead albums. Just so's you know, this band, along with Willie Nelson and Jamey Johnson, will be on the Railroad Revival Tour. The closest this tour will come to New England is Duluth, Ga., it looks like.

- Finally we have Boston's **Aimee Mann**, whose new album *Charmer* will be out next week. She has always had an admirable ability to write songs, but no one has paid much attention to her since her Til Tuesday days, when she did that song "Voices Carry," which was recently added to the *Now That's What I Call Elevator Music For Dentist Office Buildings* compilation, if I heard right. This new album finds Aimee seeking revenge against those who only remember "Voices Carry," because the title track sounds exactly like "Voices Carry" but without the angst and gravitas. Maybe she'll visit the *Ellen* show and play it live. Or maybe lobster people from the planet Saturn will adopt it as their national anthem. I am not sure. —Eric W. Saeger

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# It doesn't have to rhyme

NH Poetry Society serves this 'poetry hotbed'

By Kelly Sennott  
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Robert Frost. Jane Kenyon. Donald Hall. Sam Walter Foss.

New Hampshire is a happening place for poetry, says local poet Kyle Potvin. Not just because of the past notables but also because of the poets here now.

"It's a poetry hotbed. Three U.S. Poet Laureates came from New Hampshire.... It's a wonderful place to live, and New Hampshire is a real key spot in poetry history," she said.

It's also home to a welcoming community, the Poetry Society of New Hampshire. The nonprofit has nearly 250 members, having grown enormously during the past 15 years, thanks in part to its former president, Pat Frisella, Potvin said. PSNH assists the governor in selecting the state poet laureate each year; the current one is PSNH member Walter Butts. The organization has been around for quite some time — since the 1960s — but it wasn't until the late 1990s and early 2000s that it became more than the informal group it was at the beginning.

For both poets and poetry lovers — you don't need to write to be a member of the club — PSNH meets on the last Saturday of the months of January, April, July and October, to conduct business or hold workshops, readings and open mikes.

"When you're writing, it can be very isolating, but sometimes you really want to get some feedback on your work. By coming to an open mike, you can gauge an audience's reaction," Potvin said. "And just by going to these readings, and listening to a diverse group of poets, you'll see some very amazing poets with different styles. While you may not love them all, you almost always see something — a new technique, a new way of telling a story" that's refreshing or that you may even like to try, Potvin said.

PSNH member Maudelle Driskell says organizations like these can influence a poet's growth. She came to the state for her position as director at the Frost Place in Franconia, where Robert Frost created some of his most famous works.

"Writing is a very solitary thing, especially when it comes to poetry. With poetry, it's not as much like a play or a blog, where people can see it presented in public, so it's critical for poets to provide a creative synergistic environment, so you can find out what other people are doing, and become energized by the work of others," Driskell said.

Many PSNH events are held at the Frost Place, which poet Donald Hall calls the "sacred grounds of poetry," Driskell said.

"Any poet who comes out here, sits in his [Frost's] barn, feels a special connection....



PSNH members Rodger Martin, Rhonda Woodward, Gordon Lang, Kyle Potvin, Neil English, Jennifer Militello, Andrew Periale with Maudelle Driskell. Courtesy photo.

You see the jewelweed growing on the front bed," Driskell said. The place inspired Frost, who wrote in his poem "Hyla Brook":

*(And taken with it all the Hyla breed / That shouted in the mist a month ago / Like ghost of sleigh-bells in a ghost of snow) — / Or flourished and come up in jewel-weed / Weak foliage that is blown upon and bent / Even against the way its waters went.*

In addition to hosting a monthly reading series at Gibson's Bookstore in Concord and holding poetry contests that award more than \$1,000 annually, the organization publishes *The Poet's Touchstone*, a literary journal that highlights members' work and national prize winners. This publication has grown from a small newsletter to a quarterly-published book, Potvin said, featuring about 60 pages of poetry.

The writers have collaborated to create anthologies, such as *Other Side of Sorrow* and the 2008 and 2010 *Poets' Guide to NH*. Soon to be published is an anthology called *You Must Remember this: Poems about Aging and Memory*, edited by Gordon Lang. The anthologies can be purchased on the website or at New Hampshire bookstores such as Gibson's in Concord and Water Street Bookstore in Exeter.

"We actually have members sprinkled throughout the country, even internationally," Potvin said. They like to see what's going on in New Hampshire.

### Upcoming events

PSNH hosts a monthly reading series at Gibson's Bookstore in Concord on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

**Reading with Sharon Olds**, followed by an open mike, on Thursday, Sept. 13, at 6:30 p.m., at Frost Farm, 122 Rockingham Road, Derry.

**PSNH reading with Kyle Potvin and Bob Crawford**, plus open mike, on Wednesday, Sept. 19, at 7 p.m., at Gibsons Bookstore, 27 S. Main St., Concord.

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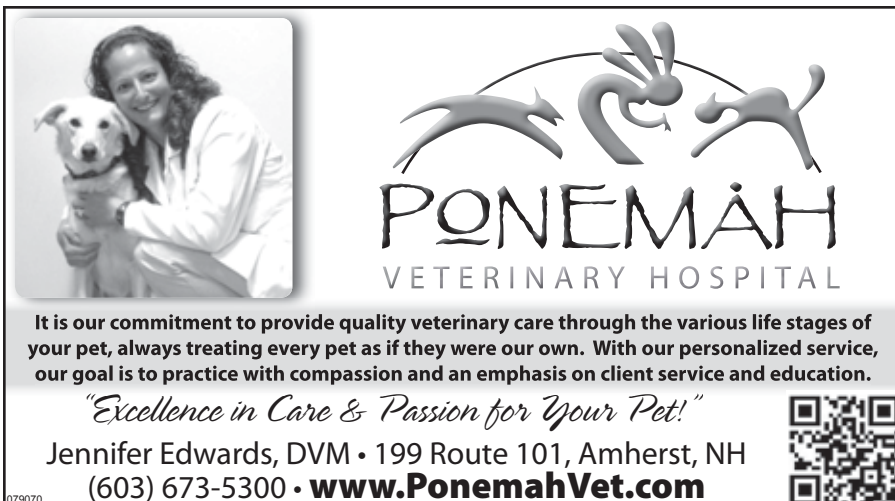
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## POP CULTURE BOOKS

*The Next Best Thing*, by Jennifer Weiner (Atria Books, 386 pages)

Jennifer Weiner has spent the last few years ensuring that her books will never be called "chick lit." The literary equivalent of the table next to the kitchen, the term debases fiction written for and by women, and is most

often a dagger hurled at female authors who sell lots of books. As Weiner once told a reporter, "There is a literary divide that bodes poorly for you if you have the misfortune to be popular."

And Weiner's as "misfortunate" as they come.

Her new book, her 10th, is *The Next Best Thing*, and, like some of her previous writing, is fiction that strays into the autobiographical.

The protagonist, Ruth Saunders, was orphaned at age 3 in a car accident that killed her parents and left her disfigured. She was raised in Framingham, Mass., by a wise and glamorous grandmother who willingly moves with her when Ruth goes to Hollywood to pursue a television career. There, Ruth comes under the tutelage of two Daves, the engaging proprietors of Two Daves Productions, and sells her own show, which is not-so-loosely based on *her* life. Along the way, she falls in and out of love, grapples with mixed emotions over her grandmother's upcoming marriage, and tries to hold true to timeless values while watching vapid Hollywood types contort her show and characters into shapes she doesn't recognize or like.

It is, for the Hollywood outsider, a window into how a sitcom is made, and, like the proverbial sausage, might be something you'd rather not see.

But Weiner, who wrote a pilot for ABC Family that later aired as a sitcom called *State of Georgia*, knows her subject well, and her dialogue is pitch-perfect. The chapter in which Ruth interviews for a job with the two Daves is conversational volleyball of Olympic caliber, a delightful exchange between vivid and memorable characters,

the kind of people you'd pick to be family if we got to choose our own at the mall.

*State of Georgia*, alas, was canceled after 11 episodes, although you can watch it instantly on Netflix, and it makes for great companion viewing with this book, which is apparently a *roman à clef*. On her website, Weiner says she "devoutly hopes that Hollywood is a forgiving place, full of people with generous hearts, kindly dispositions and very poor short-term memories." Not likely. More like Julia Phillips' *You'll Never Eat Lunch in This Town Again*, from which Weiner quotes in *The Next Best Thing*.

There is irony in Weiner (rhymes with "whiner") writing anything resembling chick lit, as this is a woman who entered Princeton at age 17 and was graduated summa cum laude. No intellectual slouch is she. But because you don't have to pause and squint after reading each sentence, because her gifts of dialogue and description are as accessible to state-school grads as to the Ivy elite, it's easy to see how her work can be shoved into the genre. Subtlety is endangered in the United States of Reality. Weiner makes it look easy, until, of course, you sit down and try to write 386 pages of fresh descriptives, like that of Vince, a washed-up studio executive: "an elfin man whose beard and cowboy boots and ears were all pointed."

Or Derek, the teenaged boy with "goatish laughter" and a "juicy crop of acne spread over his forehead and his nose." Or the writers hunched over their laptops at the coffee shop, when Ruth finds out her show was picked up, who "lifted their heads like lions at a watering hole and glared at me in unison."

Weiner, a former newspaper journalist, spent years writing feature articles in Lexington, Ky., and in Philadelphia, before she quit to write novels full time after the success of her first book, *Good in Bed*. Good for her. It's a pleasure to see hard work pay off, the smart and talented succeed, apparently unspoiled by their spoils. If it's not serious literature, like critics sniff, it's the next best thing. Charles Dickens, we all know, was a hack. **B** —Jennifer Graham

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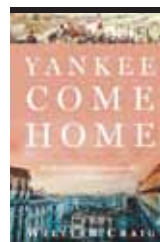
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Emma Breslow, Kathleen Fagley, Leslie Lewis, Patrice Pinette and Eric Poor begin at 6 p.m., and at 7:30 p.m., "Literary Flash: Three Minutes to Fame" begins. In Literary Flash, writers will showcase their best three-minute story before an audience and a panel of judges. Saturday features a plethora of readings and workshops (\$20 per class). Visit writersday.org. The event features a panel discussion from contributors to the anthology *Where the Mountain Stands Alone: Stories of Place in the Monadnock Region*, on Friday at 7 p.m.

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In William Craig's presentation of his book *Yankee Come Home: On the Road from San Juan Hill to Guantanamo* on Thursday, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m., at Gibson's Bookstore in Concord, he'll speak of his book and his own journey to finding the truth behind the Cuban-American relationship. He was drawn

to the story by memories of his great-grandfather, according to the publisher's book description, and he tells the story by traveling through Cuba. Craig is a professor in the Community College System of New Hampshire. His presentation will be accompanied by a reading with Cuban photos and music. Visit gibsonsbookstore.com.

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# A film-lover's dream

Telluride by the Sea brings the best here first

By Jeff Mucciarone  
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Telluride by the Sea is one of the few times when New England gets the upper hand on L.A. and the Big Apple. The Music Hall in Portsmouth gets to screen the best films of the Telluride Film Festival in Colorado before the folks in New York City and Los Angeles get their hands on them.

Telluride by the Sea came about through The Music Hall's relationship with Bill and Stella Pence, who were co-founders of the Telluride Film Festival. Bill Pence is now the film curator at The Music Hall, which is hosting its 14th year of Telluride by the Sea. The festival is a chance to discover brand new films that are typically produced by well-established or acclaimed filmmakers.

"For me, Telluride by the Sea is absolutely the best time of year, every year," said Chris Curtis, who coordinates film programming for The Music Hall. "The thing about [the festival] is that titles are exciting ... but the titles are almost secondary to me to the experience. And the experience is about a full weekend of immersing oneself in brand new cinema. Not just movies, but films by filmmakers who really are artists. So I know I might not love every film, but I do know that I am going to enjoy having seen every film because it's always so compelling...." The festival, which features six films from the Telluride Film Festival, runs from Friday, Sept. 14, through Sunday, Sept. 16, at The Music Hall, 28 Chestnut St. ([www.music hall.org](http://www.music hall.org)).

"A lot of people come back year after year," Curtis said. "A lot of people buy passes well in advance." Many don't wait until titles are announced. There is a certain amount of trust that the festival will provide stellar offerings each year, Curtis said.

"People like me get excited about the process of immersion," Curtis said. "It's like you're giving yourself over to film for the weekend. ... You stand in line and chat with people about movies. There's a real electricity in the air. I love it." The opening night film, *Midnight's Children*, is based on Salman Rushdie's novel. Rushdie will be visiting The Music Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 10. "His story telling is just really magical and...[the film] promises to be that as well," Curtis said. Marion Cotillard stars in *Rust and Bone*. Curtis said he's heard great things about co-star Matthias Schoenaerts. Fans have been waiting to see how filmmaker Jacques Audiard follows up his first film, *A Prophet*.

"Hyde Park on Hudson has created a lot of buzz for quite a while now because of just how really well-known the director is," Curtis said, adding that director Roger Michell did the film *Notting Hill*. *Hyde*



*A Royal Affair* is one of six films to be featured at Telluride by the Sea this year. Photo courtesy of Magnolia Pictures.

*Park on Hudson* stars Bill Murray and Laura Linney. The film, has a strong historical component, with Murray playing FDR. *A Royal Affair* features "great drama, scandal, and promises to have really incredible performances," Curtis said. Mads Mikkelsen, who starred in the film *Casino Royale*, headlines *A Royal Affair*.

*Corman's World: Exploits of a Hollywood Rebel*, about Roger Corman, has drawn the interest of film buffs. Corman is credited with having a profound influence on film heavyweights such as Robert DeNiro. The Chilean film *No* promises to be a strong offering. Curtis said he was interested in learning more about the Pinochet regime in Chile. Gael Garcia Bernal, who starred in *The Motorcycle Diaries*, plays the lead role in *No*.

The Music Hall is featuring three films from previous Telluride Film Festivals with the theme "Film Noir" at the Music Hall Loft, 131 Congress St., only for pass-holders. Staffers are not revealing those titles in advance, but they'll be "just gritty, low-budget films that are influential," Curtis said, all from the 1940s.

The Telluride Film Festival features three tributes each year. The three this year — Marion Cotillard, Mads Mikkelsen and Roger Corman — are featured in films at Telluride by the Sea.

## Telluride by the Sea

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The Words (PG-13)

An author takes the easy road to success in *The Words*, a movie whose goal might just be to turn us off books.

“Are all books as ponderous as the one central to the plot here?” you might think. “Forget all this reading nonsense; what’s on the new fall TV lineup?”

See, movie, you still don’t win. Rory Jansen (Bradley Cooper), on his honeymoon in Paris with new wife Dora (Zoe Saldana), visits a site with a plaque memorializing Ernest Hemingway. He gazes reverently; his wife tries to pull him away. And that pretty much tells you what kind of would-be writer Rory is — you know, insufferable.

He’s also not terribly good at it. His manuscript is rejected by agents and, after his dad (J.K. Simmons) says that the gravy train has come to an end, Rory is forced to get a day job with all the other would-be writers at a publishing house. Luckily for him, however, he does indeed have one great story. Not in his head, but in a battered briefcase that he bought from a second-hand shop in Paris. While looking through the briefcase one day, he finds a manuscript and reads it. For reasons that sound fairly sketchy, he decides to type it out. His wife finds it, assumes it’s his and tells him how brilliant it is, how much better than his other stories. She urges him to take it to someone at his publishing house and, because he’s a weenie, he does so.

He receives massive amounts of acclaim — and the attention of an old man (Jeremy Irons) who shows up to tell Rory that the sto-



The Words

ry sounds awfully familiar.

In the nesting dolls of this movie, this story of Rory includes a flashback to the story that inspired his blockbuster book. In that, an American soldier (Ben Barnes) falls for a waitress (Nora Arnezeder) in post-World War II Paris. The outer framing device is author Clay Hammond (Dennis Quaid) giving a reading of his new book, *The Words*, which is the story of Rory and his book. In this outer story, Clay discusses his book with a way-too-young-for-him groupie (Olivia Wilde).

Movies about writing, sigh — I mean, they *can* work. *Midnight in Paris* was pretty good, *Shakespeare in Love* worked pretty well, *Julie & Julia* was sort of about writing and it was fun. They can also be dull and self-important and kind of make you dislike literature — Exhibit A being this movie. It’s all so showy, so “watch me think about the meaning of this.” The result of having Quaid’s character essentially narrate the Bradley Cooper plotline is that nothing is simply hinted at, it’s all explained, hammered home that “Rory is dis-

traught” or whatever with a kind of thudding obviousness. You get none of the nuance of a good book or the atmospherics of a good movie. The performances here range from entertainingly overwrought (Irons) to boringly overwrought (Cooper) to completely unnecessary (Wilde — she is the recipient of totally unnecessary exposition and is, I think, supposed to distract us by being hot).

Trailers for this movie gave away as much of the plot as I told you here, but the big surprise SPOILER is that there’s no surprise. There is very little by way of plot not shown in the trailer. I kept waiting for something that would pull together all the elements and give the movie, well, a point, but instead we just get talk — talk about writing, talk about the meaning of fiction. No talk, sadly, on what other better movie you could be watching. **D+**

*Rated PG-13 for brief strong language and smoking. Screenplay by and directed by Brian Klugman and Lee Sternthal, The Words is an hour and 36 minutes long and distributed by CBS Films.*

2 Days in New York (R)

Cultures clash when in-laws invade Chris Rock’s apartment in *2 Days in New York*, a cute little comedy about familial craziness directed by Julie Delpy.

Writer and radio personality Mingus (Chris Rock) and artist Marion (Julie Delpy) live together with their children from prior relationships, Mingus’ daughter Willow (Talen Riley) and Marion’s son Lulu (Owen Shipman). They have a chaotic but happy-seeming domestic life, into which barge Jeanott (Albert Delpy), Marion’s delightfully crude and embarrassing father; Rose (Alexia Landeau), her competitive sister, and Manu (Alexandre Nahon), a shlubby loser of a guy whom Marion used to date and who is now dating Rose. His presence is the first of many unpleasant surprises about Marion’s family’s visit. Others: Rose’s tendency to walk around naked, Manu’s insistence on finding some weed (which Mingus tells Willow is just souvenir grass from Central Park) and whatever Rose and Manu were doing in the bathroom that kept Mingus and Marion up at night. Meanwhile, Marion is trying to put the finishing touches on an art show that she’s been working on for years.

When I say “cultures clash,” sure, I sort of mean French and American, but more than that I mean the culture of one family, say the nuclear family you grew up in, and another, the family you create as an adult, for example. Marion is a grown woman, a mother and a partner to Mingus, but when Rose shows up they start sniping and hair-pulling much as

you expect they did as children. Mingus is horrified to watch her devolve into what is probably some version of her teenage self. This conflict makes for some pretty solid in-law humor and gives Rock a chance to be funny on a quieter level than you see in, for example, movies like *Grown Ups*.

Delpy, who also directs and co-wrote the screenplay, shines in her nicely unshiny role. She makes Marion believable in all facets of her life — mom, daughter, artist, harried middle-aged woman. She also lets Marion be, while still quiet pretty, nicely unglamorous. It is a very human, genuine role and it’s not surprising that a woman wrote it. Even her dizzier moments have none of the false-ness that movies usually give to women going through domestic upheaval.

Another solid, smart comedy that you can watch at home (via the “in theaters” section of On Demand), *2 Days in New York* is a likeable, agreeable visit with your slightly zany couple friends. **B**

*Rated R for language, sexual content, some drug use and nudity. Directed by Julie Delpy with a screenplay by Delpy and Alexia Landeau with a story by Landeau and Alexandre Nahon, 2 Days in New York is an hour and 36 minutes long and distributed by Magnolia Pictures.*

The Cold Light of Day (PG-13)

Henry Cavill gets caught in a spy-vs.-spy showdown in Madrid and uses the opportunity to look handsome while getting shot at in *The Cold Light of Day*, a very workaday action thriller.

REVIEWLETS

\* indicates a movie worth seeing. For reviews of graded films, go to [www.hippopress.com](http://www.hippopress.com).

\**Brave* (PG)

Voice of Kelly Macdonald, Emma Thompson. Pixar finally gets a girl hero in this take of a spunky red-headed Scottish princess who seeks to control her own fate. Not one of Pixar’s finest but *Brave* is still solid family fare. **B+**

\**The Expendables 2*

Sylvester Stallone, Arnold Schwarzenegger. AND! Bruce Willis! Jason Statham! Dolph Lundgren! Jet Li! Chuck Norris! Liam Hemsworth! Terry Crews! Randy Couture! And Jean! Claude! Van! Damme! **B!**

*Finding Nemo* (G)

Voices of Albert Brooks, Ellen DeGeneres. The Pixar classic returns for a 3D release. Opens Friday, Sept. 14.

*Hope Springs* (PG-13)

Meryl Streep, Tommy Lee Jones. A long-married couple tries to recapture the magic with the help of a therapist (played by Steve Carell). If it’s August, it’s time for a Meryl Streep/book-club-type movie. **C**

*Lawless* (R)

Shia LaBeouf, Tom Hardy. Plus Jessica Chastain, Gary Oldman and Guy Pearce in this tale of power struggles and bootlegging during Prohibition. **C**

\**ParaNormal* (PG)

Voices of Anna Kendrick, Casey Affleck. A kid can see ghosts and spooky things, making him a bit of an outcast but also someone uniquely qualified to save the day. **A-**

*The Possession* (R)

Kyra Sedgwick, Jeffrey Dean Morgan. The story of the dybbuk box — wikipedia it; it’s a thing! — gets a big-screen adaptation. In the movie version: A little girl gets the box

from a yard sale and demony things ensue. **C**

*Premium Rush* (PG-13)

Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Michael Shannon. Bike messengers get their bad-ass moment in the sun in this movie about a bike messenger whose cargo has people chasing after him. **B-**

*Resident Evil: Retribution* (PG-13)

Milla Jovovich, Michelle Rodriguez. More Alice, more butt-kicking. Opens Friday, Sept. 14.





The Cold Light of Day

Will (Cavill) is a business consultant who is on the verge of losing his company and therefore in no mood for a family reunion on his parents’ boat on the Spanish coast. But he goes, and sullenly spends most of his time on his Blackberry, much to the annoyance of his father, Martin (Bruce Willis), who eventually chucks it overboard. Will goes to town to, among other things, make a phone call, but when he returns to the boat, he finds it empty and disheveled. He rushes to the police station and thinks for a minute they might help him but instead they deliver him to some shady characters who try to hustle him off somewhere. Before Will is also whisked away, his father appears and fends off the would-be kidnappers and hustles Will in

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• *Stress: Portrait of a Killer* (2008) documentary, Wed., Sept. 12, at 6 p.m.  
• *The Intouchables* (R, 2012) Thurs., Sept. 13, at 2, 5:40 & 8 p.m.; Fri., Sept. 14, at 1, 3:25, 5:50 & 8:15 p.m.; Sat., Sept. 15, at 1 & 3:25 p.m.; Sun., Sept. 16, at 1, 3:25, 5:50 & 8:15 p.m.; Mon., Sept. 17, at 2, 5:40 & 8 p.m.; Tues., Sept. 18, at 2 p.m., and Wed., Sept. 19, at 2, 5:40 & 8 p.m.  
• *Celeste and Jesse Forever* (R, 2012) Thurs., Sept. 13, at 2:05 & 7:45 p.m.  
• *Moonrise Kingdom* (PG-13, 2012) Thurs., Sept. 13, at 5:30 p.m.  
• *The End of the Line* (NR, 2009) Thurs., Sept. 13, at 7 p.m.  
• *Robot and Frank* (R, 2012) Fri., Sept. 14, through Sun., Sept. 16, at 1:30, 3:30, 5:45 & 7:45 p.m.; Mon., Sept. 17, through Wed., Sept. 19, at 2:10, 5:30 & 7:45 p.m.  
• *Casablanca* (1942) Sat., Sept., 15, at 7 p.m.  
• *The Magic of Belle Isle* (PG, 2012) Sun., Sept. 16, through Wed., Sept. 19, at 2:05 & 7 p.m.  
• *Earth Made of Glass* (2010) Tues., Sept. 18, at 7 p.m.

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• *The Intouchables* (R, 2011) French with subtitles, Thurs., Sept. 13, through Wed., Sept. 19, at 7:30 p.m., and Sun., Sept. 16, at 2 p.m.

a car bound for Madrid. Where are mom (Caroline Goodall), my brother (Rafi Gavron) and his girlfriend (Emma Hamilton), Will asks his dad. As Martin explains, this question may have a lot to do with the real answer to the question “Dad, what do you do for a living?” While Will thought his father was a cultural affairs officer for the embassy, he is actually a CIA agent. His recent procurement of a briefcase hiding something super secret and important has apparently ticked off people who have the means and willingness to kill his family to get it back.

As the true story of the briefcase unfolds, however, it gets a little more complicated. Martin may or may not be a turncoat, and his handler, Carrack (Sigourney Weaver),

er), may not be what she seems either. Will soon finds himself alone in his quest to save his family, running around Madrid wanted by the police and unsure of who to trust. How about Lucia (Veronica Echegui), a Spanish woman who is also tangled up in this story somehow?

Cavill, who is going to star in the upcoming let’s-give-it-another-shot Superman reboot *Man of Steel*, is not a steady action lead yet. A solid performer as King Henry VIII’s sidekick in *The Tudors*, Cavill seems uncertain on his own. He’s all big gestures and skittishness. He has the look and build for action star status but still doesn’t feel like he completely fills the suit. “Tentative” is how I’d describe his performance overall.

Similarly, the movie itself is a shaky but moderately successful endeavor. Why Sigourney Weaver is here I’m not sure, but she adds an air of credibility to the whole thing. The story is complete and reasonably well-crafted even if it isn’t electrifying. *The Cold Light of Day* is a nice stab at the kind of low-pressure thriller that, say, *Taken* is, but without the spark that made that movie such a crackling good time. C+

*Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action, and language. Directed by Mabrouk El Mechri and written by Scott Wipperfurth and John Petro, The Cold Light of Day is an hour and 33 minutes long and is distributed by Summit Entertainment.*

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NHTI

Sweeney Auditorium, 31 College Drive, Concord, 271-7185, [www.nhti.edu](http://www.nhti.edu). Films are open to the public. Admission is free with a \$5 suggested donation.  
• *The Weight of Water* (R, 2000) on Thurs., Sept. 20, at 7 p.m., with post-film discussion panel, as part of Concord Reads initiative at Concord Public Library, free.

NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY

NPL Theater, 2 Court St., Nashua, 589-4600, [www.nashualibrary.org](http://www.nashualibrary.org). Call 589-4646 for the library film line and a schedule of upcoming movies. Seating is limited. Food and drink are not permitted in the theater. Cinema Cabaret screens adult films on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. beginning Oct. 2 and the family film series screens on Saturdays at 2 p.m. beginning Oct. 6. The

two series run from October to May.  
• *Iris* (R, 2001) on Sat., Sept. 15, at 2 p.m., as part of Nashua Reads Film Series.  
• *I Am Sam* (PG-13, 2001) on Sat., Sept. 29, at 2 p.m. as part of Nashua Reads Film Series.

POLLARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

401 Merrimack St., Lowell, Mass., 978-970-4120, [www.pollardml.org](http://www.pollardml.org), film night on the second Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Films are not rated.  
• *Prairie Love* (2011) Thurs., Sept. 13, at 6:30 p.m.

THE MUSIC HALL

28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, 436-2400, [www.themusichall.org](http://www.themusichall.org). Some of these films are being screened at Music Hall Loft, at 131 Congress St. See website for details.  
• *Telluride By the Sea* films from the 39th Telluride Film Festival in Colorado, all day, Fri., Sept. 14, through Sunday, Sept. 16. *Midnight’s Children* at 7 p.m. on Fri., Sept. 14; *Rust and Bone* at 1:30 p.m. on Sat., Sept. 15, *Hyde Park on Hudson* at 6:15 p.m. on Sat., Sept. 15; *A Royal Affair* at 8:30 p.m. on Sat., Sept. 15; *Corman’s World: Exploits of a Hollywood Rebel* at 10:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Sun., Sept. 16; and *No* at 1:30 p.m. on Sun., Sept. 16. Tickets range from \$12.50 for individual films to \$200 for a patron pass.

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# Nite Roundup

Local music & nightlife news

By Michael Witthaus

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• **Old time-y:** Grammy-winning Carolina Chocolate Drops perform music from the Piedmont region of the Carolinas. Each of the four band members is a multi-instrumentalist, trading between banjos, fiddle, guitar and all manner of percussion while laying down an authentic blend of acoustic roots music with a modern attitude (occasionally even featuring a beatbox). See Carolina Chocolate Drops on Thursday, Sept. 13, at 7:30 p.m. at Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 South Main St. in Concord. Tickets are \$27 to \$33 at [www.ccanh.com](http://www.ccanh.com).

• **Junction function:** DJ Iceman Streetz recently launched a Friday night residency, playing hip-hop, reggae, reggaeton, R&B and Top 40 at a Chinese restaurant near the junction of Interstates 93 and 89 in Bow. The Brooklyn transplant also holds forth on Saturdays at Baja Beach Club in Laconia and offers free mixtapes at [icemanstreetz.blogspot.com](http://icemanstreetz.blogspot.com). Attend CYL At Night on Friday, Sept. 14, at 9 p.m. at Chen-Yang Li Restaurant, 520 South St. in Bow, [www.chenyangli.com](http://www.chenyangli.com).

• **Glee club:** Groups like Straight No Chaser and Rockapella have ushered a *cappella* music into the modern era. The latest example is Pentatonix, winners of NBC's *Sing-Off* competition last year with a version of Survivor's "Eye of the Tiger" — and they do Nicki Minaj's "Starships" better than she does. The quintet headlines a free show that also includes six UNH vocal ensembles. See Pentatonix on Saturday, Sept. 15, at 8 p.m. at the Memorial Union Building at UNH in Durham, [www.unhmub.com](http://www.unhmub.com).

• **Celtic buzz cut:** A 5K race culminates with an afternoon of Irish music, step dancing and other diversions, marking the halfway point to St. Patrick's Day, with performers including Óran Mór, Marty Quirk and Kevin Dolan. The St. Baldrick's Foundation will be on hand to shave heads and raise money for children's cancer research. Attend the Wild Rover Celtic Festival on Sunday, Sept. 16, at 11 a.m. (road race at 10 a.m.) at Wild Rover Pub, 21 Kosciuszko St., Manchester, [www.wildroverpub.com](http://www.wildroverpub.com).

• **Sing out:** A familiar presence to patrons at Barley House — winning the top honor in the waiter/waitress category for this year's Best of Hippo — Mechelle Zydenbos shows her musical side at the weekly Songwriter's Night, playing with Scott Solsky and Benjamin Hoffman. Zydenbos began in the coffee houses of San Francisco and built a local rep with her band Mini Jacket. See Mechelle Zydenbos on Monday, Sept. 17, at 8 p.m. at the Barley House, 132 N. Main St. in Concord. See [thebarleyhouse.com](http://thebarleyhouse.com).

# NITE

## Village rhythms

### Artisan festival brings music, crafts and tradition to Canterbury

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A two-day gathering featuring handmade crafts, artisan food vendors and a tasty array of music will help ease the transition from summer to autumn at Canterbury Shaker Village. For 25 years, the museum and historic site has celebrated Wool Day, with spinning, weaving and displays of fiber-producing animals. But the Shakers are a forward-thinking community, and the time seemed right to change things up a bit.

The result is the first Canterbury Artisan Festival, to be held on Sept. 15 and Sept. 16.

"We love Wool Day, it's a great adventure," says museum Education Director Maisie Daly. "We decided to incorporate not only textiles — a wonderful thing — but also different aspects of artisanship. That led to the idea of incorporating traditional arts demonstrations that we can't do here all the time, such as blacksmith and coopering, basket making and woodworking."

A well-rounded palette of music is also on offer. Ubiquitous fiddler Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki will lead things off on the first day. His trio's repertoire mixes Celtic traditions with music informed by funk and jam band influences, a reflection of the time he spent playing pubs in Ireland as well as the work he's done with his former group JamAntics and the Dusty Gray Band, along with countless guest slots with a wide array of musical ensembles.

Berklee-trained Chasing Blue, a regular at summer festivals like North Branch, Grey Fox and Podunk, perform Saturday afternoon. The young bluegrass quintet mixes old-time and original songs, and the group recently completed a new album, due for release by year's end.

Closing out the first day's

musical offerings is Three Tall Pines, a Massachusetts-based quartet specializing in tight harmonies and clever arrangements of Americana, alt-country and bluegrass material. The group was named Bluegrass Band of the Year in 2011 by Motif Arts Magazine and also won the Ossipee Valley Bluegrass Festival band competition.

Fittingly enough, Day 2 begins with the Canterbury Shaker Singers doing a noon performance at the museum's Meeting House. Their appearance is followed by the multifaceted Crunchy Western Boys, who blend edgy modern sensibility into traditional motifs.

The day ends with Amy Black, a songwriter born to parents hailing from Muscle Shoals, Ala. Because her father was an itinerant preacher, Black moved around the South as a child; she ended up in Boston at age 16 heavily influenced by Southern mores and family stories. She traveled back and forth between New England and Alabama throughout her teenage years.

Lorne Entress, who's worked with Lori McKenna, Mark Erelli and Catie Curtis, produced Black's second album, 2011's *One Time*. Her original songs draw from a variety of Americana influences, and No Depression magazine praised her "folk-styled country voice that suggests bits of Patty Loveless, Mary Chapin Carpenter and Judy Collins, edged by the blues of Bonnie Raitt and a hint of Jennifer Nettles' sass."

Daly handpicked the musical talent. "I spent a lot of time thinking about and looking at different bands to come," she says. "Essentially it was about groups that really look at traditional sounds and create something that is really their own. What we're thinking about now is rethinking tradition."

The farmers market and arti-



Amy Black. Courtesy photo.

san fair share this spirit.

"The common thread with all of them is that they are all authentic," Daly says. "We've got a really good spectrum of arts that people can find."

There will be traditional arts demos, a beer garden sponsored by Smuttynose Brewing and artisan food vendors. Hands-on exhibits include a community mosaic project and cornhusk doll making. Admission includes entry to village exhibits and Shaker buildings. A farmers market features homemade maple products and produce.

Forty-one craftspeople and artisans will be on hand, selling handmade soaps, stoneware, wooden bowls, oval Shaker boxes, paintings, watercolors, jewelry and photography.

Photographs shouldn't seem out of place amidst the bucolic natural splendor of the Shaker

Village, Daly says. "It's the most common misconception. People often think of the Shakers as quaint, quiet quilters, and they were anything but that. They were radical thinking, socially progressive and they embraced technology. In fact, they were great camera bugs, which has been great for the museum. We have numerous photographs that we can call upon to represent them in various ways."

The Shaker command of useful beauty, Daly insists, is driven by a very practical need.

"Their name became synonymous with quality and the idea that form follows function, which really appeals to our contemporary eye," he says. "All of this came from a core belief that time is the most precious gift of all and that it should be saved."



# King of comics

Penuche's crowns top bar room standup

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On Labor Day, a good night for comedy became a great one for Pat Janssen, when the 29-year-old took top honors in the second annual New England's Best Bar Comic competition. Held at Penuche's Ale House in Concord and sponsored by Jack Daniels, the event pitted winning comedians from four semifinal rounds held in August, and five standups deemed strong enough for a chance at the top prize.

After organizer Jay Grove got the night started with a short set and the admonition, "Don't be polite, be Penuche's," all the comics acquitted themselves admirably. But Janssen was the clear winner, with a solid set of observational comedy. High points included riffs on the inherent masculinity of straight versus gay men (his R-rated verdict was, "Gays, I salute you!").

Janssen was the last comic of the evening to perform, and prior to his act, two others were jockeying for first place. Jay Chanoine delivered a series of milk puns and made the case for Cruella Deville as Disney's most evil character; he finished up in second place. The third prize went to Matt Barry, doing bits about being a marginally employed millennial.

Last year's winner, Doug Blay, served as judge along with comedian Rob Steen. Janssen's first-prize take included two paid gigs at Steen's Headliners Comedy Club in Manchester, dates to be determined. Of course, the focus for all competitors was the \$500 cash prize. Speaking by phone the day after his win, Janssen felt pleased. "It's always nice to win when there's money involved, and I'm a competitive person anyway," he said. But in the immediate wake of his victory, "I felt more relief than elation."

He plans to spend the money on a trip to Ireland with his wife of five years.

"We're finally taking a honeymoon," he says, noting that trip has been planned for a while, but the extra money will be a bonus. Janssen and his wife, who attends grad school at UNH, are originally from Nebraska, now living in Newmarket.

The comic spends a lot of time working comedy clubs in New York and Pennsylvania. After learning about an open-mike night while out to dinner, he's gone on to appear several times at Portsmouth's Rusty Hammer. "It's a fun type of room, where you can go up confident that you'll do well," he says. "It's pretty comparable to Penuche's — you gotta earn it."

Though now crowned New England's Best Bar Comic, Janssen doesn't consider himself of the breed exactly. "I'm partial



Pat Janssen. Steel City Photography.

to comics who are all about the well-crafted joke, and crowd work is not my No. 1 thing," he says. "You think of bar comics and surly aggressive audiences, but to me it's more the indifference you have to break through. I'm kind of a loud guy. I've got a different enough delivery that I catch people off guard and it gives me a couple of minutes to get their attention — the material draws them in after that." Janssen took up comedy while living in Pennsylvania and working as a broadcaster.

"My wife was doing overnight shifts in a women's shelter and I started going to an open mike in Bethlehem," he says. "I got my sea legs there, and decided to make a career of it." He finds the New Hampshire scene resembles the one he came up in, and he sees it as a good thing: "You get people who have a chip on their shoulder that it's not the big city, but I'm a small-town guy from Nebraska, so I can relate to it."

While focused on making a career of standup, Janssen works days at Best Buy.

"Retail and restaurant work, that's the life of a comedian," he says with a laugh.

Performing in the final slot at the Best Bar Comic competition wasn't something he relished, but he obviously made the best of the situation.

"I'm used to the last spot being the worst, and middle is usually the best," he says. "In New York, a headliner never goes on last. You want people to have a little bit of alcohol in them, but not so much that you lose them. I pulled the number that night and thought it said five, and it was nine. But most people were there for comedy last night, and that helped."

## Pat Janssen

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### On Stage: Juliana Cable

**Who:** Juliana Cable is a 14-year-old honors student at Central High School. She's also a singer-songwriter who plays four instruments — bass, keyboard, guitar and ukulele — and spent the summer performing at venues all over the state. She's even played out of state, starting her summer tour in Brooklyn. She describes herself on various social networks as a vegetarian, ukulele enthusiast, and “wearer of many colorful socks.” She's been singing all her life. Her mother sings and her father plays guitar; both have encouraged Cable in her musical pursuits.



Juliana Cable. Cory MacEachern Photography

**Sounds like:** Cable does a combination of covers and original works when she performs live and has a selection of YouTube videos of her performing other people's songs as well as her own. She said she usually performs with her ukulele: “It's a really cheerful instrument and it's easy to carry everywhere and play for everyone walking around.” Cable's voice is reminiscent of artists like Regina Spektor and Sara Bareilles, far more mature than would be expected of a 14-year-old.

**Playing live:** Currently, Cable's goal is to start incorporating more of her own songs into her live performances, which are surprisingly dynamic given how young she is. Her sound is full and unique, the combination of ukulele and her voice making for a great performance each time. As a student, she knows that she will soon need to find a way to balance schoolwork with performing, as she intends to continue playing throughout Concord and Manchester even during the school year.

“For the majority of the time I've been playing so far, it's been summer, so I haven't found that balance yet,” Cable said. “I don't think it'll be too hard because the people who've given me opportunities to play have been very understanding.”

Cable has gotten a huge reception among locals, and her ability to book shows has “snowballed” since she first started getting into the scene. She's also very involved in Go-Local Music, a Concord-based organization that has helped her and many other local artists book shows and gain fan bases.

**Upcoming show:** Saturday, Sept. 15, at The Purple Pit Jazz Club in Concord. For updates, see Cable's Facebook page.

**Future plans:** Many people have suggested that Cable take her talent and audition with it for one of the reality television singing competitions that dominate the airwaves. She said that while she's seriously considered doing that, she still wants to continue performing locally. Much of her ability to perform is due to her mother, who does Cable's social media, booking, and promotion.

“I love my mom,” she said. “Without a doubt, I honestly couldn't have done any of the stuff I do without my mom constantly doing all my social media, driving me places, being more obnoxious with telling people how awesome I am than I could ever be. I've always wanted to play music, but she's the one who really encouraged me to do that.”

Cable said she wants to study law in the future but does not want to give up music. She hopes to find a way to strike a balance in doing both.

**More:** Find Juliana Cable on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/JulianaCable](http://www.facebook.com/JulianaCable), follow her on Twitter @JulianaCableUke and see her YouTube page at [www.youtube.com/user/jcpeacelovetwilight](http://www.youtube.com/user/jcpeacelovetwilight). —Samantha Pearson

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- 46. How a song exited the charts, perhaps?
- 47. Canucks 'The Tragically \_\_'
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- 51. Eaten during 'Fox On The Run'?
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  - 6. Yes 'Close \_\_' (2,3,4)
  - 7. What fence-hopper did to security
  - 8. Paul McCartney 'Big \_\_ Bed'
  - 9. Metallica 'Until It \_\_'
  - 10. Like fan holding up one finger outside
  - 11. Boomtown Rats ' \_\_ \_\_ Like Mondays' (1,4)
  - 12. Social Distortion ' \_\_ \_\_ Be Me' (3,2)
  - 13. Yummy '77 Shadows album?
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  - 29. Cure 'Just \_\_ \_\_' (4,6)
  - 34. Radiohead 'No \_\_'
  - 36. 'Alice's Restaurant' Guthrie
  - 37. Like most frontmen
  - 38. Japanese rocker that hangs w/Jekyll?
  - 40. Kenny Loggins 'This \_\_ \_\_' (2,2)
  - 42. Issue, when rocker is newsworthy
  - 45. What Demi Moore was doing during 'Unchained Melody'


- 48. Antimatter song about hymns?
- 51. Drivin-N-Cryin album to listen to on a break?
- 52. All-American Rejects 'I \_\_'
- 53. Within Temptation debut that lets you in?
- 55. Daughtry ' \_\_ My Head'
- 58. Industry representatives (abbr)
- 59. Bob Dylan weaves on a 'Golden' one
- 60. System Of A Down 'Toxicity' song
- 61. Zac Brown "I got my \_\_ in the water"
- 62. Snakelike 'Hombre Lobo' band?

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<b>Amherst</b> <b>Club Comedy at Amherst Country Club</b> 72 Ponemah Road, 673-9908	<b>Candia</b> <b>Henderson's Pickin' Parlor</b> 179 Raymond Rd, 483-5001	<b>Gilford</b> <b>Ellacoya Barn &amp; Grille</b> 2667 Lakeshore Rd, 293-8700 <b>Gunstock Ski Area</b> 719 Cherry Valley, 293-4341 <b>Patrick's</b> 18 Weirs Road, 293-0841	<b>Hillsborough</b> <b>American Legion Post 59</b> 538 West Main St.
<b>Auburn</b> <b>Auburn Pitts</b> 167 Rockingham Rd, 622-6564 <b>Holidays Bar and Grill</b> 346 Hooksett Road, 483-0880	<b>Concord</b> <b>The Barley House</b> 132 N. Main St., 228-6363 <b>Hermanos</b> 11 Hills Ave., 224-5669 <b>Loudon Road Restaurant and Pit Road Lounge</b> 388 Loudon Rd, 226-0533 <b>Makris</b> 354 Sheep Davis, 225-7665 <b>Penuche's Ale House</b> 6 Pleasant St., 228-9833 <b>The Red Blazer</b> 72 Manchester St., 224-4101 <b>Davisville</b> <b>Muddy Pond Jazz Deal</b> grounds of Davisville Flea Market, 805 Route 103 East (exit 7 off I-89), 746-4000	<b>Goffstown</b> <b>Village Trestle</b> 25 Main St., 497-8230 <b>Wa Toy</b> 611 Mast Road, 668-1088	<b>Hollis</b> <b>Alpine Grove</b> 19 S. Depot Road, 882-9051
<b>Barrington</b> <b>Chip 'N Run Pub</b> Nippo Lake Golf Course, 550 Province Rd. 664-2030	<b>Bedford</b> <b>Bedford Village Inn (BVI)</b> 2 Olde Bedford Way, 472-2001	<b>Hampstead</b> <b>The Pasta Loft</b> 220 E. Main St., 378-0092 <b>Route 111 Village Square</b> 472 State St., 329-6879	<b>Hooksett</b> <b>Asian Breeze</b> 1328 Hooksett Rd, 621-9298
<b>Barnstead</b> <b>Barnstead Music Hall</b> 96 Maple St., 269-2000	<b>Deerfield</b> <b>Lazy Lion Café</b> 4 North Road, 463-7374	<b>Hampton</b> <b>Boardwalk Inn</b> 139 Ocean Blvd., 929-7400 <b>Breakers By the Sea</b> 409 Ocean Blvd, 926-7702 <b>La Bec Rouge</b> 73 Ocean Blvd, 926-5050 <b>Old Salt</b> 409 Lafayette Rd, 926-8322 <b>Sea Shell Stage</b> on Ocean Blvd. <b>Ron's Landing</b> 379 Ocean Blvd, 929-2122, <b>Wally's Pub</b> 144 Ashworth Ave., 926-6954 <b>Whales Tales</b> 169 Ocean Blvd, 967-4771	<b>Hopkinton</b> <b>Beech Hill Farm</b> 107 Beech Hill Road
<b>Belmont</b> <b>The Lodge at Belmont</b> Route 106, 877-872-2501 <b>Top of the Town</b> 88 Ladd Hill Rd, 528-3244 <b>El Jimador Mexican Restaurant</b> 171 DW Highway, 527-8122	<b>Derry</b> <b>Adams Opera House</b> 29 W. Broadway/ Rte 102 <b>Coffee Factory</b> 55 Crystal Ave., 432-6006 <b>Halligan Tavern</b> 32 W. Broadway, 965-3490 <b>Steve-N-James Tavern</b> 187 Rockingham, 434-0600	<b>Henniker</b> <b>Daniel's</b> Main St., 428-7621 <b>Pat's Peak Sled Pub</b> 24 Flander's Road, 888-728-7732 <b>The Henniker Junction</b> 24 Weare Rd., 428-8511	<b>Hudson</b> <b>AJ's Sports Bar &amp; Grill</b> 11 Tracy Lane,718-1102 <b>JD Chaser's</b> 2B Burnham Road, 886-0792
<b>Boscawen</b> <b>Alan's</b> 133 N. Main St., 753-6631	<b>Bow</b> <b>Chen Yang Li</b> 520 South St. 228-8308	<b>Exeter</b> <b>First Friday Coffeehouse at FUUSE</b> 12-14 Elm St., 772-4002 <b>Shooter's Pub</b> 10 Columbus Ave., 772-3856	<b>Kingston</b> <b>The Kingston</b> 1686 House Tavern 127 Main St., 642-3637
<b>Brookline</b> <b>The Loft at the Grange</b>			<b>Laconia</b> <b>Anthony's Pier Restaurant</b> 263 Lakeside Ave., 366-5855 <b>Baja Beach Club @ China Bistro</b> 89 Lake St., 524-0008 <b>Broken Spoke Saloon</b> 1072 Watson Rd, 366-5511 <b>Cactus Jack's</b> 1182 Union Ave., 528-7800 <b>The Crazy Gringo</b> 306 Lakeside Ave., 366-4411 <b>Fratello's</b> 799 Union Ave., 528-2022 <b>Margate Resort</b> 76 Lake St., 524-5210 <b>Naswa Resort</b> 1086 Weirs Blvd., 366-4341 <b>Paradise Beach Club</b> 322 Lakeside Ave., 366-2665
			<b>Patio Garden Restaurant</b> Lakeside Ave. <b>Pitman's Freight Room</b> 94 New Salem St., 527-0043 <b>Weirs Beach Lobster Pound</b> 72 Endicott St., 366-2255 <b>Weirs Beach Smokehouse</b> Rt 3 Laconia, 366-2400
			<b>Londonderry</b> <b>Coach Stop Restaurant and Tavern</b> 176 Mammoth Rd, 437-2022 <b>Mayflower Grange</b> 535 Mammoth Rd, 867-3077 <b>Stumble Inn Bar &amp; Grill</b> 20 Rockingham Road <b>Whippersnappers</b> 44 Nashua Road, 434-2660
			<b>Loudon</b> <b>Graverobbers Coffeehouse</b> Loudon Congregational Church, 7018 Church St., 783-9478
			<b>Manchester</b> <b>900 Degrees</b> 50 Dow St., 641-0900 <b>American Legion Wm H Jutras &amp; Post No 43</b> 56 Boutwell St., 623-9467 <b>American Legion Post #79</b> 35 W. Brook St. <b>American Legion Sweeney Post</b> 251 Maple St., 623-9145 <b>Black Brimmer</b> 1087 Elm St., 669-5523 <b>Bo's Riverside</b> 500 Commercial St., 625-4444 <b>Boynton's Taproom</b> 155 Dow St., 623-7778 <b>Breezeway Pub</b> 14 Pearl St., 621-9111 <b>British Beer Company</b> 1071 S. Willow St, 232-0677
			<b>City Sports Grille</b> 216 Maple St., 625-9656 <b>Club 313</b> 93 S. Maple St., 628-6813 <b>Delux</b> 36 Lowell St., 644-1180 <b>Derryfield Country Club</b> 625 Mammoth Rd, 623-2880 <b>Don Quijote</b> 333 Valley St., 792-1110 <b>Drynk</b> 20 Old Granite St., 836-5251 <b>Element Lounge</b> 1055 Elm St., 627-2922 <b>Farm Bar &amp; Grille</b> 1181 Elm St., 641-3276 <b>Fratello's</b> 155 Dow Street, 624-2022 <b>Gaucho's Churrascaria</b> 62 Lowell St., 669-9460 <b>Grand Nightclub &amp; Lounge,</b> 61 Canal St., 518.5547 <b>Hanover St. Chophouse</b> 149 Hanover St., 644-2467 <b>Ignite Bar &amp; Grille</b> 100 Hanover St., 494-6225 <b>Jam Factory</b> 1211 Elm St., 203-1458 <b>Jillian's Billiard Club</b> 50 Philippe Cote Drive, 626-7636 <b>Jokers</b> 1279 S. Willow St., 935-9947 <b>Lafayette Club</b> 387 Canal St., 623-9323 <b>Lazy Nick's Coffee House</b> 362 Huse Road, 232-7187 <b>Luigi's Pizza Bar &amp; Grille</b> 712 Valley St., 622-1021 <b>Mad Bob's Saloon</b> 342 Lincoln St., 669-3049 <b>McGarvey's</b> 1097 Elm St., 627-2721 <b>Milly's Tavern</b> 500 Commercial St., 625-4444 <b>Murphy's Taproom</b> 494 Elm St., 644-3535 <b>My Friend's Bar and Grill</b> 507 Maple St.,
			627-3444 <b>NH Institute of Art</b> 148 Concord St. <b>Olympic Lounge</b> 506 Valley St., 644-5559 <b>Piccola's Upstairs Lounge</b> 815 Elm St. <b>Penuche's Grill</b> 96 Hanover St., 626-9830 <b>Raxx Lounge</b> 1195 Elm St. <b>Rocko's Bar &amp; Grill</b> 253 Wilson St., 626-5866 <b>Sam Adams Bar &amp; Grill</b> Northeast Delta Dental Stadium, 1 Line Drive., 641-2005 <b>The Shaskeen</b> 909 Elm St., 625-0246 <b>Starbucks</b> 1111 S. Willow St., 641-4839 <b>Strange Brew Tavern</b> 88 Market St., 666-4292 <b>Theos</b> 102 Elm St., 669-4678 <b>Unwine'd</b> 865 Second St., 625-9463 <b>The Wild Rover</b> 21 Kosciuszko St., 669-7722 <b>Workmen's Club</b> 183 Douglas St. <b>XO on Elm</b> 827 Elm St., 206-5721 <b>The Yard</b> 1211 S. Mammoth Road, 623-3545
			<b>Meredith</b> <b>Camp</b> 300 DW Highway, 279-3003 <b>Giuseppe's Ristorante</b> 312 DW Highway, 279-3313
			<b>Merrimack</b> <b>The Homestead</b> 641 DW Highway, 429-2022 <b>Jade Dragon</b> 515 DW Highway, 424-2280

Thursday, Sept. 13			
<b>Concord</b> <b>Makris:</b> Matt Langley	<b>Londonderry</b> <b>Whippersnappers:</b> Matt Stubs Band w/ Sax Gordon	<b>J's:</b> Tom Rousseau	<b>Friday, Sept. 14</b>
<b>Dover</b> <b>Brickhouse:</b> Tim McCoy and Jamie Biscomb (unplugged) <b>Fury's:</b> Erin's Guild	<b>Manchester</b> <b>British Beer Co.:</b> Jeremy Carter <b>Club 313:</b> DJ Pez, DJ Carlos, kara-oke w/ CJ <b>Fratello's:</b> jazz night <b>Jokers:</b> MB Padfield <b>Raxx Lounge:</b> DJ Mike <b>Strange Brew:</b> Soup du Jour <b>Wild Rover:</b> Wan-tu Blues Band, open mike jam	<b>Nashua</b> <b>Fody's:</b> Josh Logan Band <b>Old Amsterdam:</b> John Finn Duo	<b>Boscawen</b> <b>Alan's:</b> Randy Arrent
<b>Epping</b> <b>Holy Grail:</b> Dave Gerard		<b>Newmarket</b> <b>Stone Church:</b> live Irish music	<b>Concord</b> <b>Makris:</b> Kan-Tu Blues
<b>Gilford</b> <b>Patrick's:</b> Paul Warnick		<b>Portsmouth</b> <b>Dolphin Striker:</b> Tim Theriault and Jamie Decato <b>Gas Light:</b> Pat Foley Duo <b>Press Room:</b> Big Blue World <b>Red Door:</b> MOGA, Orange Umbrellas <b>Ri Ra:</b> Family Affair <b>Rudi's:</b> John Franzosa and John Hunter	<b>Dover</b> <b>Brickhouse:</b> Andrea Szirbik and Mat Maier (unplugged) <b>Fury's:</b> All We Are <b>Kelley's:</b> Tim Theriault Trio <b>The Loft:</b> Jimmy D <b>Top of the Chop:</b> live funk, jazz and blues
<b>Hampton</b> <b>Wally's:</b> Ghost of Jupiter	<b>Meredith</b> <b>Giuseppe's:</b> Audrey Drake, karaoke		<b>Hampton</b> <b>Ron's Landing:</b> Matt Luneau and Phil Nunez <b>Wally's:</b> The Old Bastards
<b>Laconia</b> <b>Anthony's:</b> karaoke w/ Bobby Freedom <b>Pitman's:</b> Pitch Black Ribbons	<b>Merrimack</b> <b>Homestead:</b> Doug Thompson	<b>Seabrook</b> <b>Chop Shop:</b> Dangerous Men	<b>Hooksett</b> <b>Asian Breeze:</b> DJ Alban
	<b>Milford</b> <b>Clark's:</b> open mike w/ Triana		<b>Londonderry</b> <b>Coach Stop:</b> Brian Gray <b>Whippersnappers:</b> The Hitmen
			<b>Manchester</b> <b>British Beer Co.:</b> Brooks Young Band <b>Club 313:</b> DJ Susan Esthera, DJ Bob, karaoke w/ CJ, Miss 313

Pageant <b>Fratello's:</b> Marc Apostolides <b>Jam Factory:</b> The Pinkerton Raid, Dan Blakeslee, The Genuine Nokovs <b>Jokers:</b> Will Metivier <b>Raxx Lounge:</b> DJ Mike <b>Shaskeen:</b> Bruce Jacques <b>Strange Brew:</b> Love Dogs
<b>Meredith</b> <b>Giuseppe's:</b> Michael Bourgeois
<b>Merrimack</b> <b>Homestead:</b> Karen Grenier
<b>Milford</b> <b>Clark's:</b> Adam Payne <b>J's:</b> Joe Young
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**Chop Shop:** Last Kid Picked  
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**Saturday, Sept. 15**  
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**Alan's:** Doug Thomson

**Concord**  
**Hermanos:** Gumbo Diablo

**Dover**  
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### Londonderry

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### Manchester

**Boynton's:** dueling pianos  
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**Fratello's:** MB Padfield  
**Jam Factory:** jam session  
**Jokers:** Dave Bundza  
**Raxx Lounge:** DJ Mike  
**Shaskeen:** Irish session, Rustic Overtones  
**Strange Brew:** Tabasco Fiasco

### Meredith

**Giuseppe's:** David Lockwood, Jam Sandwich

### Merrimack

**Homestead:** Paul Luff

### Milford

**Clark's:** Ryan Bossie

### Nashua

**Fody's:** Darrah  
**Old Amsterdam:** Dee Jay Styles  
**Slade's:** The DP Band  
**Stella Blu:** Leaving Eden

### Newmarket

**Stone Church:** Cowboy Dave

### Peterborough

**Harlow's:** Somerville Symphony

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• **Charlie Daniels Band** Fri., Sept. 14, at 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom  
• **Carrie Underwood** Fri., Sept. 14, at 7:30 p.m., Verizon Wireless Arena  
• **Marshall Tucker Band** Fri.,

Sept. 14, at 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey  
• **Mary Chapin Carpenter** Fri., Sept. 14, at 8 p.m., Colonial Theatre  
• **Tim Sample** Sat., Sept. 15, at 7:30 p.m., Franklin Opera House  
• **Bret Michaels** Sat., Sept. 15, at 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom  
• **Dueling Pianos** Sat., Sept. 15, at 8 p.m., Boynton's Taproom  
• **Rusted Root** Sat., Sept. 15, at

7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey  
• **Steve Vai** Sat., Sept. 15, at 8 p.m., Cap Center  
• **The Fools** Sat., Sept. 15, at 8 p.m., Tupelo  
• **Dueling Pianos** Sat., Sept. 15, at 8 p.m., Boynton's Taproom  
• **Slash** Sun., Sept. 16, at 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom  
• **The Fresh Beat Band** Thurs., Sept. 20, at 6:30 p.m., Meadowbrook

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### Orkestar

### Plaistow

**Sad Café:** Justin Dearborn

### Portsmouth

**Dolphin Striker:** Michelle Wilson  
**Gas Light:** Jimmy D., Jim Devlin Band, DJ Koko P, Matt Langley, Tony Santesse

### Hilton Garden Inn: North River

**Press Room:** I Level  
**Red Door:** Lord Bass  
**Ri Ra:** Joe Birch Band  
**Rudi's:** Duke and guest

### Seabrook

**Chop Shop:** Tripwire

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## NITE MUSIC THIS WEEK

**Sunday, Sept. 16**

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**Makris:** Matt Langley

### Dover

**Brickhouse:** DJ Erich Kruger

### Hampton

**Ron's Landing:** Sonic Boomers

### Londonderry

**Whippersnappers:** Gardner Berry

### Manchester

**Milly's:** London Bridgez, Amanda McCarthy, Horsemask, Twice on Sundays, The Natural Disasters, OneMike, That Kid Josh, u.n. mass regime, New Cyper, Wilpae Bux and Swaga  
**Shaskeen:** Irish session w/ The Spain Brothers

### Meredith

**Giuseppe's:** open stage w/ Lou Porrazzo

### Nashua

**Fody's:** karaoke dance party

### Newmarket

**Stone Church:** open mike w/ Dave Ogden

### Plaistow

**Sad Cafe:** Kangaralien

### Portsmouth

**Dolphin Striker:** Pete Peterson  
**Gas Light:** Will Metivier, open mike  
**Press Room:** Benny Sharoni Quintet  
**Red Door:** Green Lion Crew  
**Ri Ra:** Irish sessions

### Seabrook

**Chop Shop:** Matt Murray and the Motivators

**Monday, Sept. 17**

### Concord

**Barley House:** singer-songwriter showcase  
**Hermanos:** Eric Chase

### Dover

**Top of the Chop:** acoustic open mike w/ Dave Ogden

### Londonderry

**Whippersnappers:** Kim Riley

### Manchester

**Fratello's:** Rob Wolfe  
**Jam Factory:** open mike w/ Myke and Amanda  
**Shaskeen:** open mike w/ Scuba

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### Meredith

**Giuseppe's:** Lou Porrazzo

### Merrimack

**Homestead:** Charlie Christos

### Milford

**J's:** open mike

### Nashua

**Fody's:** Matt Jackson

### Newmarket

**Stone Church:** Tom Lanigan Band

### Portsmouth

**Dolphin Striker:** Old School  
**Gas Light:** Doug Mitchell  
**Press Room:** Matt McCabe Trio  
**Red Door:** Christopher Paul Stelling, Dan Blakeslee, Wilder Maker  
**Ri Ra:** Oran Mor

**Tuesday, Sept. 18**

### Concord

**Barley House:** Irish session  
**Hermanos:** Dave Gerard

### Dover

**Brickhouse:** open mike, Anthony Vito Fiandaca  
**Fury's:** Tim Theriault and friends

### Londonderry

**Whippersnappers:** VJ Mark

### Manchester

**Fratello's:** Kim Riley  
**Raxx Lounge:** DJ Mike  
**Shaskeen:** Tom Denniston Duo  
**Strange Brew:** All Stars  
**Wild Rover:** acoustic open mike jam, Josh Logan, Nate Camp, Paul Costley

### Meredith

**Giuseppe's:** Michael Bourgeois

### Merrimack

**Homestead:** Steve Sibulkin

### Newmarket

**Stone Church:** bluegrass jam w/ Dave Talmage

### Portsmouth

**Dolphin Striker:** Dan Stevens  
**Gas Light:** Doug Thompson  
**Press Room:** Larry Garland jazz jam, open mike w/ Jerry Tillett

**Wednesday, Sept. 19**

### Concord

**Hermanos:** Dan Walker

### Dover

**Fury's:** Brasbe

### Hampton

**Wally's:** DJ Provo, Hustle Simmons

### Manchester

**Club Realm:** DJ Nefarious  
**Fratello's:** Corey Brackett  
**Jokers:** Dave Clark  
**Strange Brew:** Jon Ross

### Meredith

**Giuseppe's:** Jill Ducsay

### Merrimack

**Homestead:** Brian Gray

### Milford

**J's:** Lisa Guyer

### Nashua

**Old Amsterdam:** Baza

### Newmarket

**Stone Church:** Mike Pinto

### Portsmouth

**Dolphin Striker:** Jimmy & friends  
**Gas Light:** Pat Foley  
**Press Room:** Tom Yoder  
**Red Door:** Red on Red w/ Evaredy  
**Ri Ra:** open mike night  
**Rudi's:** Dimitri on piano

### Seabrook

**Chop Shop:** Reverend JJ

## COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

**Friday, Sept. 14**

### Londonderry

**Tupelo:** Mike Hanley, Joey Carroll, and Greg Boggis

**Friday, Sept. 21**

### Manchester

**Boynnton's Taproom:** Mike McDonald, Mike Withman, Lauren Verge

**Thurs., Sept. 27**

### Portsmouth

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**Sunday, Sept. 30**

### Concord

**Cap Center:** Margaret Cho

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# SIGNS OF LIFE

All quotes are from *The Four-Story Mistake*, by Elizabeth Enright, born Sept. 17, 1909.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22)** *It remained for Oliver ... to open an inconspicuous door off the kitchen and find the dusty stone steps going downward into darkness. ... Prudently and quietly he closed the door; this was to be his own personal voyage of discovery, and no one was going to be allowed to assist or interfere. Enjoy your voyage of discovery.*

**Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)** *The bluejays woke him up. He, who could sleep through the metallic thundering of ash cans and the honking of taxis, was startled out of sleep by the jeering mew of the bluejays in the Norway spruce outside his window. You are likely to be awakened before you really wanted to be.*

**Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)** *He switched off the flashlight, enjoying the mysterious gloom. A second later he switched it on again, his heart pounding in his chest, and saw that what he had taken in the dimness to be an indescribable monster was nothing but a large coal furnace. It's not a monster.*

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)** *I can do anything! Randy's thoughts were singing victoriously. If I can learn to ride a bicycle I can do anything! ... Drunk with success she tried riding without hands, the way Rush did, and immediately fell off. Don't get ahead of yourself.*

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan 19)** *He remembered with pleasure the privacy and power he had felt in his tree house. He remembered the way it had creaked and swayed high among the branches; and how it bucked and leaped like a ship at sea whenever the wind was strong. It had been wonderful to lie on his back in that airy, gently rocking nest and look up into*

*the living, complicated structure of leaves and branches. Why not do it all over again? Make a happy place.*

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18)** *The morning sunlight flooded the room; it was a dazzle of light, a wonderfully cozy place to sit in. But what to sit on? Find something comfortable.*

**Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20)** *Why, it's a miracle, she kept thinking, I had a real honest-to-goodness miracle happen to me. Whoever heard of a girl just putting her hand into a brook and picking up a diamond? But it happened, and to me! That's the thing I can't get over. Stuff happens.*

**Aries (March 21 – April 19)** *Anyway, that's how I feel today, thought Randy. Tomorrow maybe I'll feel some other way; cranky, or dull, or just natural. But that's how I feel today. How you feel is how you feel.*

**Taurus (April 20 – May 20)** *Flapping his tail, and stretching his short ugly legs, the alligator savored freedom and took his bearings. Ah, water! The smell of water! Not rain water, not tank water, but live water, going somewhere! Spend some time near the water — or in your own element.*

**Gemini (May 21 – June 20)** *Mona was going to a dance. A real dance at school; a Boy was taking her. No Melendy child had ever done such a thing before. First time for everything.*

**Cancer (June 21 – July 22)** *They had never, never staged a production so beautifully before. Maybe we should have charged a dollar after all, thought Randy. Don't worry about monetary returns.*

**Leo (July 23 – Aug 22)** *'You don't get away with much in this world,' observed Rush profoundly. It's not a good week for getting away with stuff.*

## NITE SUDOKU

### Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

	5		2		7		3
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2		3				6	5
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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Last week's puzzle answers are below

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# “Outside Protection” — we’ve got this covered.

**Across**

- 1 English homework list
- 6 Health gp. based in Atlanta
- 9 Like stray dogs
- 14 Wake Island, for one
- 15 Pet for Harry Potter
- 16 “The Path to the Nest of Spiders”

- writer Calvino
- 17 FX show about a stand-up comic
- 18 Crunchy stuff in a walkway
- 20 Final Four gp.
- 22 A, in Austria
- 23 Kimmel competitor
- 24 He released the album “So”

- 28 FBI worker
- 29 Half of an eternal balance
- 30 Pre-album collectibles
- 31 Faux \_\_\_\_
- 34 Limo driver’s big day
- 36 Genetic messenger material
- 38 From the beginning, in Latin
- 40 Trucker’s less-green alternative to biofuel
- 44 Skipped the restaurant
- 45 “A curse on your family!”
- 46 Being, to Berlioz
- 47 987-65-4321, e.g.
- 48 102, way back when
- 51 Furtive
- 53 “\_\_\_\_ was going to say before you interrupted me...”
- 54 What a mom might picture a secretly-bratty kid to be
- 57 Largest of seven
- 60 Blocked tic-tac-toe line
- 61 Friend, in France
- 62 Staff
- 65 “Sex, Lies and Videotape” actress MacDowell
- 68 Poet Sylvia
- 69 \_\_\_\_ Soundsystem
- 70 Nag persistently
- 71 Electronics name
- 72 Designer monogram under the Gucci label
- 73 “Find \_\_\_\_ and fill it”

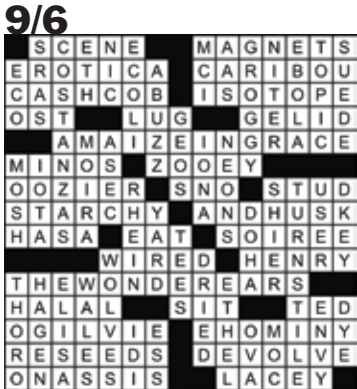
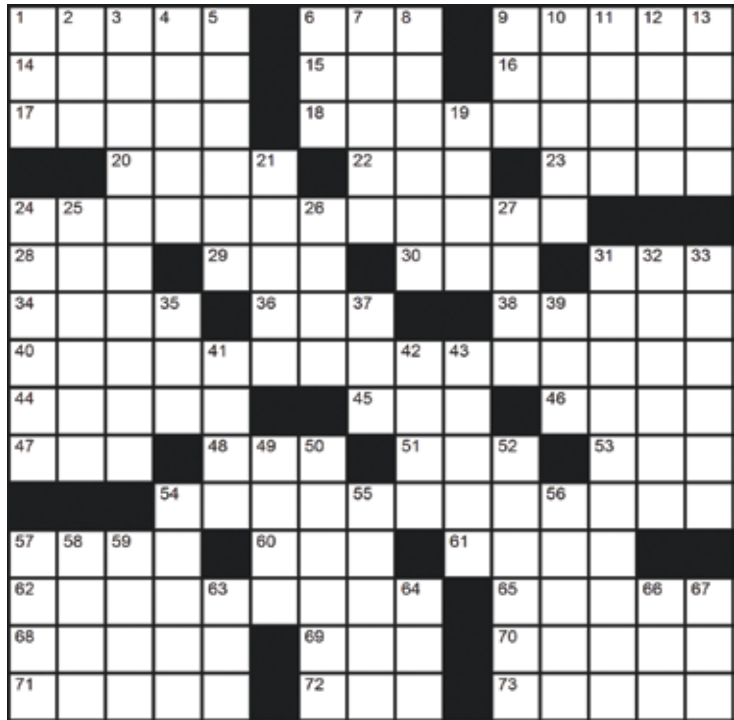
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- 1 He played Batman before George

- 2 Prefix meaning “ear-related”
- 3 Advice to the angry
- 4 She “Doesn’t Live Here Anymore”
- 5 Like the eyes of the sleep-deprived
- 6 Good or bad figure?
- 7 Insignificant sort
- 8 Missouri senator McCaskill
- 9 Defunct space station
- 10 In any way
- 11 Church passage
- 12 “By the Time I Get to Phoenix” singer Campbell
- 13 2012 acronym akin to “Be adventurous”
- 19 \_\_\_\_ Gnop (retro game of the 1970s)
- 21 “Just \_\_\_\_” (No Doubt song)
- 24 Season 4 “Bachelorette” DeAnna
- 25 Long-plumed herons
- 26 Baby-dressing photographer Geddes
- 27 Actor Morales of “NYPD Blue”
- 31 Stamp when there aren’t enough stamps
- 32 Reluctant (to)
- 33 Cirque du \_\_\_\_
- 35 Hosp. scanner
- 37 “\_\_\_\_ Wiedersehen!”
- 39 Contest where you’d hear “chiaroscuroist”
- 41 Tony-winning musical of 2012
- 42 “Random” abbr. on a moving box
- 43 Fourth Greek letter
- 49 Gift material for a sixth anniversary
- 50 “Wouldn’t that be awesome...”
- 52 Kawasaki competitor
- 54 Pale looking

- 55 Business decision-makers
- 56 Sheer, smooth fabric
- 57 iPhone buys
- 58 Actress Ward
- 59 Where Farsi is spoken
- 63 “And what have we here!?!”
- 64 The “bad” cholesterol, for short
- 66 Dvorak’s Symphony No. 9 \_\_\_\_ Minor
- 67 Announcer Hall

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPHERD

## Innate opera

Researchers Having Fun: Scientists from the Primate Research Institute at Japan's Kyoto University reported in an August journal article that they had given helium gas to apes (gibbons), which, predictably, made their voices goofily high-pitched. However, it was not a fraternity prank or lab assistant's initiation, but a way for the scientists to determine whether the famously sonorous gibbons could yell just as loudly at a higher-than-natural pitch. The gibbons succeeded, showing a rare talent similar to that of the world's greatest human sopranos, who maintain their booming amplitude by altering the shape of their vocal tract, including their mouth and tongue.

## Cultural Diversity

• The seaside city of Qingdao, China, is (as described in August by NPR) "not a vacation community for superheroes" even though many beachcombers wear masks while lounging and sunbathing. The garments are "face-kinis," or light cloth coverings that protect against the "terror of tanning." While Western cultures celebrate skin-darkening, many Chinese associate it with lower-status, outdoor occupations, and a pale skin suggests having lived a pampered life.

• A Saudi Arabian agency is raising the equivalent of about \$130 million to break ground in 2013 on an entire city to be managed and staffed by female employees, with three more such cities being contemplated. Raising women's employment rate is a goal of the kingdom, where until last year, nearly all jobs were held by foreigners and Saudi males, including jobs as sales clerks in women's lingerie shops.

• A centuries-old practice of China's upper crust continues today, reported Slate.com in August, except with a bit more circumspection. Rich and/or powerful people on trial or convicted can still get away with hiring replacements to serve their sentences — but because of ubiquitous Internet videos, only if the replacements facially resemble the perps. Since the rich person winds up paying for his conviction (though a relatively small price), Slate called the practice ("ding zui") sort of a "cap-and-trade" policy for crime.

## Latest Religious Messages

In August, an abbot at the Wat Phra Dhammakaya Buddhist temple in Bangkok, Thailand, reported that Steve Jobs is doing well now as a "mid-level angel." He was reincarnated as "a half-Witthayathorn, half-Yak," which the Bangkok Post took to mean that Jobs continues to be a "giant" and a seeker of scientific knowledge and apparently resides in a "parallel universe"

near his former office in Cupertino, Calif.

## Questionable Judgments

• The mayor of Triberg, Germany, touted his town's new public parking area in July by noting that 12 of the spaces were wider, and well-lit, compared to the others, and would be reserved for female drivers. The harder-to-access "men's spaces" required maneuvering at an angle around concrete pillars. "(M)en are, as a rule, a little better at such challenges," the mayor said, predicting that the men's spots would become a visitors' "attraction" for the town.

• Bright Ideas: New signs were posted on doors of single-use restrooms in two medical clinics in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in July and immediately confused a transgender activist interviewed by Canadian Broadcasting Corporation News. Three silhouette figures appear on the door: a man, a woman, and what is supposedly a gay-lesbian-bisexual-transgender (which is a half-man, half-woman with the right-hand side of the figure wearing a dress and with sloping shoulders and the left-hand side with the thicker pant legs of a man). Said the activist, "I understand they were trying to ... make people feel included, but..."

## Fine Points of the Law

Finally responding to defense lawyers, the U.S. Department of Justice acknowledged that it has been trying to keep certain North Carolina inmates locked up even though judges had declared them legally innocent. About 60 prisoners, according to a June USA Today investigation, were victims of an incorrect interpretation of

federal gun-possession law supposedly rectified by a May 2011 U.S. Court of Appeals decision, but the Justice Department had continued to demand holds, for 12 months, arguing that somehow it still needed time to consider the men's records. (Some of the inmates are serving time for multiple counts and would only be eligible for sentence reductions.) In August, the department, sportingly, said it would stop opposing release of the men who had been ruled innocent more than a year earlier.

## Least Competent People

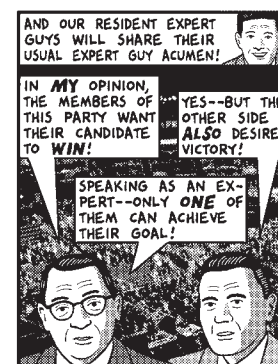
Not Into Politics: Lowell Turpin, 40, was arrested in Anderson County, Tenn., in July after he became jealously enraged at a stranger's photo on his live-in girlfriend's Facebook page and, demanding to know who the man is, allegedly punched her in the face and smashed her computer. According to the police report, it was a campaign photo of Mitt Romney.

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